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EMS/Fire Brigade Paramedics Dedicated To Care

Skylynn Barker, Paramedic

Skylynn Barker celebrated her second anniversary as an ambulance paramedic for Love County EMS/Fire Brigade on June 8, 2019. On June 21, she marks the first birthday of Sawyer, the daughter of Skylynn and her fiancé paramedic Garrett Wyatt.

The parents have been working alternating shifts to keep up with infant care. On the job, they are known for being keen students and teachers of emergency medical procedures.

Barker was born for emergency response. Her father and brother are firefighter/paramedics in Texas. Her mother is an experienced volunteer firefighter/EMT and currently works as a fulltime medical coder for a clinic. Barker rides the first ambulance out from Station 2 WinStar Casino. She trains new-hire EMTs on her shift. She says she practices the advice her parents gave her: "Stay humble. Listen to your partners. Be open-minded. Keep your nose in a book to stay up with changes in the field."



Dakota Covington, Firefighter/Paramedic

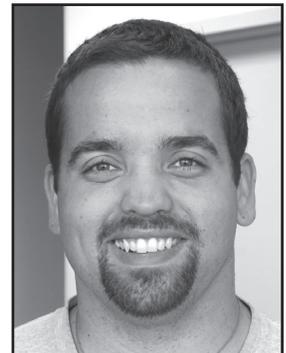
Dakota Covington is enjoying the field of emergency response every bit as much as he predicted upon joining Love County EMS/Fire Brigade in 2013. He has the credentials to show for the time and energy he has put in helping Love County people and travelers survive their fire and medical emergencies.

Fresh out of firefighter/EMT school in Cooke County, TX, Covington went to work as an EMS first aid attendant at WinStar Casino. While on the job, he successfully completed paramedic studies in the department's training academy. In 2017, Covington transferred to Station 2, WinStar Casino.

Compared to a prior career as an electrician, Covington finds his work as a firefighter/paramedic "fascinating."

"Electrician work was repetitive. Here, every emergency call is unique. When you pull up in a fire truck or ambulance, you don't know what will happen," he said. His mother, Delena Covington, is a paramedic for another department. No surprise, her son feels he has "a natural knack for helping people."

Covington swims and works out in his spare time. He would like to add rescue diving to his list of emergency certifications.



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