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Victoria (Torye) King, EMT, First Aid Attendant

Working on the security staff at WinStar Casino gave Torye King her first glimpse of first aid attendants as they went about their job tending to patrons and employees who are ill or injured. She was immediately attracted to the job.

"Growing up, I always wanted to be in the medical field. I like helping people. My two grandmothers were nurses and they were passionate about their profession," King said.

In January 2019, King enrolled in the Love County EMS/Fire Brigade training academy. She completed the coursework and clinical requirements to become an emergency medical technician and currently is taking the national tests for licensure.



In April, she started earning a living with her skills by joining the department as a casino first aid attendant.

Combining work and school has not been easy – King has three children under the age of 10. She is eyeing future education to become a paramedic.

Payton Williams, EMT

Payton Williams grew up in a family of volunteer and full-time firefighters. He learned more about the intensity and possibility of medical rescue when an aunt perished in a car wreck."I heard about the hard work of emergency responders at the scene. I made up my mind to enter the field and someday help save someone else's family members," Williams said.

After graduating from Lindsay, TX high school in 2018, Williams promptly followed his dream by enrolling in the Love County EMS/Fire Brigade training academy. After earning his emergency medical technician licensure, he joined the department as a casino first aid attendant.

In June, he transferred to Station 2, WinStar Casino, to ride the ambulance with paramedic partners. "My work has been very rewarding even if it involves stressful situations," Williams said. Future plans are to earn his paramedic licensure and firefighting credential.

Williams is adapting to staying overnight at the station on 24- or 48-hour shifts. He can draw on his school experience as a leader and a team player. "Every year I was a captain or a mascot for all the sports teams, and I played baseball and football," he said.

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