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# **EMS – Fire Brigade Employs Medics & Firefighters**

Facing insolvency in 1993, the Love County EMS since has risen to become one of the state’s best-equipped and trained ambulance services and the only EMS to add a fire service. To see photos of vehicles and coworkers in action, visit the EMS website at [www.lovecountyems.com](http://www.lovecountyems.com).

## **Dennis Frazier, Paramedic**

High school students in Oklahoma do not graduate without learning how to save a life. Paramedic Dennis Frazier teaches a short course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). He also teaches courses at Southern Tech devoted to students seeking licensure as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT).

Ironically, it was learning CPR as a youngster that led Frazier years later to acquire his current expertise as a paramedic on ambulance calls and as an EMS instructor.

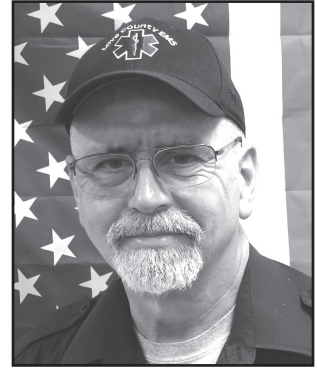
At heart, he is a lifelong learner. “I took CPR through an elective in medical careers in high school. After graduating, I joined the Navy. My field was engineering and thermodynamics, but I also was the CPR instructor. After 21 years in the Navy, I returned to my family roots in Love County. I worked as an over-the-road truck driver and went to college planning to become a teacher of math and science.”

Then someone invited Frazier to join the Leon Volunteer Fire Department. That prompted him to train through the EMS to become a medical responder, the first on the scene in his community to render medical aid until an ambulance arrives.

“I wanted to learn more so I took the EMT class (a 4-month course) at Southern Tech. I felt I needed to learn more, so I took the paramedic training (an 18-month program) offered by the EMS,” Frazier said. After graduating in 2014, he joined the EMS-Fire Brigade.

“It’s all a matter of giving back to the place I was raised,” he said of rendering medical aid to his neighbors and the rest of Love County.

“I was 50 years old before I actually performed CPR on a person. Volunteerism led me to this career. My only regret is that I should have done it sooner, but I don’t feel I am done with my education yet,” Frazier said. “A day without learning something is like a day without breathing.”



**Dennis Frazier**

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# **Mercy Health/Love County**

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