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Ambulance Emergency

911

Clinic Appointments

276-2400

Hospital Information 276-3347

Adult Day Center

276-1542

Community Resources

211

Domestic Violence Help

276-2042 Hotline - 226-6424

Growers Market

276-9410

EMS/Fire Brigade A Unique Fit

Hospital, ambulance, fire brigade - they fit together here as in no other community. The hospital manages the ambulance service (since 1994) which in turn established (in 2008) a fire brigade that serves WinStar Casino and backs up the Thackerville and Shady Dale Volunteer Fire Departments in southern Love County.

Lieutenant Taylor Westbrook, Firefighter/Paramedic

Taylor Westbrook grew up around professional and volunteer firefighters in Texas. As a child he sometimes went on ride-outs and slept at the fire station.

By the time he joined Station 2 as a driver/ operator of fire apparatus in 2008 Westbrook at age 20 already had graduated from firefighter-EMT school at Grayson County College and had two years of experience on his hometown volunteer fire department.

"This is a great department for young people to start out," he said of Mercy Health/Love County EMS/Fire Brigade. "We have a reputation for great attitudes and being ready to work."

After 10 years on the job, Westbrook has acquired his paramedic license through classes offered on the job and has risen to the rank of Lieutenant.

"When the Operations Chief is away from the station, I am his right-hand, doing his bidding. I am responsible for knowing every crew member's assignments, and for equipment checks. At night I get up for every call and stand by to send backup and coordinate with Station 1 when they need additional ambulance coverage," he said.

Safe transport of crew and patient is a priority. "My role is making sure that we do the safest thing and in the best way possible," Westbrook said.

Adam Heffner, Firefighter/Paramedic

Adam Heffner sampled a variety of jobs ranging from jail detention officer to auto mechanic early in his career, with volunteer firefighting at his hometown fire department in Texas a constant behind-the-scenes engagement.

He earned licensure as an EMT to supplement his firefighting experience.

The combination of skills eventually attracted Heffner to fulltime employment with Mercy Health/Love County EMS/Fire Brigade and he joined Station 2, WinStar Casino, in 2016. "I answer fire brigade calls primarily and am second out on ambulance calls," he said.

The Small-Town Hospital with the Big Heart

While studying through the department's training center for paramedic licensure, Heffner found another good reason to like his new job. He met and married coworker Rebecca Redmon, EMT. The couple lives west of Marietta.

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