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EMS/Fire Brigade Training Lifts Paramedic's Career

Garrett Wyatt, Paramedic

In five years, Garrett Wyatt made the leap from student to instructor in the EMS/Fire Brigade training program. He also advanced from first aid attendant at WinStar Casino to Paramedic on the ambulance.

"I completed EMT school here and Paramedic school here. While serving on the ambulance, I was given more responsibility to train as an instructor. I now teach in the advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) class and soon will be certified as an instructor in PALS, the version of the training for resuscitating children. The students who take these classes are EMTs, paramedics, doctors and nurses," Wyatt said.

Wyatt was a security guard at WinStar Casino when he took note of the emergency services provided to the casino by Love County EMS/Fire Brigade.

"I had no medical background but that work looked interesting. I was hired as a first aid attendant at the casino in 2013. I did well in classes and studied a lot. I like helping people. On emergency calls, we help people from all walks of life and the job is nice in that way. No two days are alike," Wyatt said.

Wyatt is grateful for the good fortune to engage in specialized education while on the job. "It has taken a lot of people to help me advance from ground level to the highest certification you can achieve, all out of one hospital," he said.

He has ambulance experience at Station 1 and Station 2, his current work site, giving him thorough knowledge of Love County roads.

With their experience in advanced life support measures, EMS/Fire Brigade medics often are called on to assist physician assistants in the emergency room. "For critical patients we are an extra set of hands for procedures like intubation. We have faith in each other. It is a team effort in the ER," he said.

Wyatt holds a criminal justice degree from Grayson County College. He is a veteran of six years in the U.S. Army, including service in Afghanistan.

His wife, Skylynn Barker, is a Paramedic at Station 2. The couple works alternating shifts in order to jointly care for their newborn daughter, Sawyer.



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