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# **EMS/Fire Brigade Brings First Aid Service to WinStar Casino**

## **Gunner Martin, EMR, First Aid Attendant**

"I enjoy my job. I love this type of work. It feels more like a hobby than a job," said Gunner Martin about his duties as a first aid attendant at WinStar Casino.

He completed 120 hours of training as an emergency medical responder before taking the job in October 2018. Currently, he is pursuing 308 hours of education through the Love County EMS/Fire Brigade Training Center to become a licensed EMT (emergency medical technician).

"I have an EMT partner on my shift. We treat all we can treat right here at the casino. Typically we see falls or kitchen cuts and burns. We treat what we can to take the load off of station 2," Martin said.

Martin graduated from Ardmore High School and Southern Technology and logged experience on weekends riding an ambulance at Rush Springs. He envisions more training in the future. "I may want to go through paramedic school but I definitely want to start fire training and become part of the EMS/Fire Brigade at Station 2."



## **Blake Wood, EMT, First Aid Attendant**

Blake Wood has been experiencing professional and personal satisfaction since joining Love County EMS/ Fire Brigade in October 2018. He was a recent graduate of the EMT program at North Central Texas College when he started, and he has continued to pursue an associate's degree while on the job as a first aid attendant at WinStar Casino.

Wood once responded to a patron undergoing cardiac arrest. "I started CPR and called for the ambulance from Station 2," he said. Ambulance paramedics and cross-trained firefighters arrived within minutes to take over the patient care.

"I am impressed by the seriousness of emergency response, how people depend on you and how there will always be people to care for," Wood said. "Studying medicine has also reinforced for me the importance of maintaining personal health and fitness."

Growing up in Callisburg, TX, Wood played high school football and baseball. He has since added martial arts and paint ball to his fitness interests.



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