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EMS/Fire Brigade Covers More Than The Casino

Station 2 on the WinStar Casino grounds also responds to medical or fire emergencies within 10 miles of the casino, providing mutual aid to the Thackerville and Shady Dale volunteer fire departments. "Love County is getting the benefit of expanded ambulance and fire coverage without added taxation or cost," said EMS/Fire Brigade manager Tad Hall, PA-C.

Derek Weeks, Firefighter/Paramedic

Derek Weeks, the former president of the Bonham, TX Volunteer Fire Department, has been contributing specialized skills to the EMS/Fire Brigade since 2005. He is a paramedic and a driver/operator on the fire pumper truck who also performs some vehicle maintenance.

Early in the history of Station 2, Weeks mapped the layout of buildings, hallways, and hazardous materials at WinStar Casino and hotels. He established the station's preventive maintenance routine for emergency vehicles.

Weeks started his career in 1990 with four years of service in the U.S. Army as a weapons system mechanic. He then served in municipal fire departments in Texas and Alabama. He was inspired by an aunt who was a smoke jumper in the U.S. Forest Service. He earned his paramedic licensure in 2005.

Weeks is married to Katie Weeks, supervisor of EMTs for the Choctaw Nation.



Wade Connot, Firefighter/EMT

Wade Connot has been living his lifelong dream to be a firefighter since 2010, assigned variously to platform truck, engine truck, and brush truck, and assisting the paramedic at the scene.

"Time has gone by fast but I am still attracted by the adrenaline rush of emergency response and I also enjoy helping new people adjust to the job," Connot said.

Connot completed firefighter/EMT school in 2008 then worked one year as a casino first aid attendant before taking on his current duties. Prior, he served six years as a flying crew chief in the U.S. Air Force, engaged in aircraft maintenance around the world.

He is a volunteer firefighter in his Texas community and also farms on the side.



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