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## **EMS/Fire Brigade Crew Got Their Start in High School**

### **Jeff Hicks, Paramedic**

Saving lives started early for Jeff Hicks, paramedic. "I trained as a first responder for my volunteer fire department in 2001 when I was a sophomore in high school. The thinking was that I would be there and available if anything happened at Turner School.

"But the first time I did CPR was off campus. Between English and history classes one day, I responded to an emergency in Leon. The Sheriff was there with the patient. I performed CPR while the ambulance was on the way."

Following that auspicious beginning, the Jimtown man made medical response his career and in 2019 is celebrating his 15th year with the Love County EMS/Fire Brigade ambulance service.

"This county is my community. These are people I want to help. They are my friends and family," he says about his calling.

Hicks has advanced his skills and knowledge through continuing education. In addition to EMT and Paramedic licensure, he is certified in pre-hospital trauma life support, and adult and pediatric life support.



### **Jacob "Jake" Sundbye, Firefighter/EMT**

Jake Sundbye got a head start on firefighter training by joining his local volunteer fire department at age 17 in 2015.

Four years later, Sundbye has: Finished Firefighter I & II, Hazmat Training, and EMT training at various colleges in Texas, served one year as a first aid attendant at WinStar Casino, and is halfway through his rookie year as a fulltime firefighter/EMT at Station 2 of Love County EMS/Fire Brigade.

"I have wanted to be a firefighter all my life. I enjoy the work of saving lives and protecting property. I will be sticking with this for a long time," Sundbye said.

The training has been intense. "Every day we put on our gear and engage in fire training and physical workouts. The hard part of the job is waiting, but some shifts are so busy we go the full two days without sleep," Sundbye said.



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