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Q & A

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Responsible for the supervision and accountability of the engine crew at Fire Station 3 and responding to calls for service.



Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

I first started firefighting in Crocker, Missouri, in 2000, while in high school and came to Fort Leonard Wood in 2006. **Firefighting began as a way to get out of school, then 9/11 happened, and it became a way to both be a firefighter and support the Army mission.**

What is your favorite part about your job as a DA Civilian?

I enjoy helping people, and it can sometimes be exciting. **I also get to work with a great group of guys – I spend a lot of time with them here.** Those are the best parts of the job.

What has been your most memorable experience as a DA Civilian?

In this job, we are only hands-on with the person for a short time, and after that, we often don't know what happens. **The most memorable moments are when people come back to the firehouse to thank us and tell us a little more about what happened and how we helped them.**

What brought you to Fort Leonard Wood?

My family is originally from Oklahoma. We moved here in 2000, after my dad retired for the second time – first from the Army, then from another job. He had bought land in

Crocker, Missouri, in the 70s, and it was always his dream to come to the Ozarks because he loved it here.

What would you like people to know about Fort Leonard Wood?

Fort Leonard Wood is a friendly place; the people do an excellent job of taking you in and making you family here. This is a large post, but the area has a small-town feel.

