

Salute to Western Lane Ambulance District



Albert Kreitz

Paramedic- Public Information Officer
22 years

I was born in Germany, raised in Michigan then moved to Oregon after graduating from Northern Michigan University. I earned a masters from NLU, and I worked in Social Services for 5 years before becoming a paramedic. I have 3 children and one grandson, I enjoy a variety of sports, hobbies, church and volunteer activities including working as a boxing coach.

SANDLAND ADVENTURES
85366 Hwy. 101 S.
541-997-8087



Danielle Hanson

Paramedic
6 years

I grew up in Florence and am a Siuslaw Alumni. I started volunteering at 18 years old and worked until I became a paramedic. I am married and have 4 children including a newborn Lila, son Logan, step-children Ryan and Hailey.

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George Lydick

EMT Intermediate, CPR First Aid Class Coordinator
28 years

Happily married for 46 years and a proud grandpa. Was in the Army 1965-1968. Worked in Timber Industry most of my life.

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Matt House

C-Shift Supervisor
13 years full-time, 18 combined.

I have worked and lived in the Florence community for the better part of my life. I had always wanted to work with Western Lane Ambulance District and when the opportunity came, I didn't hesitate to take the position or ever had regrets afterwards. I have always felt honored to work alongside WLAD Board of Directors, previous District Manager and the staff! Always look for ways to better our service to the community in which we care for. Recently completed the National Fire Academy EMS Management classes. I have also been married for 12 years.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1935 25TH ST, FLORENCE
(541) 997-7660



Charlie York

Oregon State Certified Paramedic
9 years

I live in the Florence area with my beautiful wife and two children. We have lived here since 2008. As a family, we enjoy spending time outdoors, kayaking, swimming, fishing or whatever we can to stay active. I have been a Paramedic since 1997 and critical care trained paramedic for 12 years.

LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTER
4325 HWY. 101, FLORENCE
541-997-7178



Elizabeth Bush-Iabichello (Liz)

EMT Intermediate Part-Time
10 Years

I enjoy being an EMT-I available to come in and help out when needed. This is such a great place to live, work and volunteer in.

OREGON PACIFIC BANK
1365 HIGHWAY 101, FLORENCE
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David S Haberman

EMT I/Safety Officer
8 Years

Started out as a MFD Board Member. Then became a volunteer fire fighter and then an EMT. After receiving my EMT I Certification, WLAD hired me as a part time employee then 2 years later offered me a full time position. I love volunteering in my community to help promote, education, community involvement relationship and growth.

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David A Rossi

Paramedic- Supervisor
32 years

I started part time with WLAD in March 1984 as an EMT 1. Became an EMT 2 and in March of 1988 became a full time medic for WLAD. In early 1990's went to school and became an EMT 3 to Paramedic. I have been a Paramedic for over 20 years. I am married to a wonderful wife for 38 years, we have been together for 43 years and have 3 kids and 7 grandkids.

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Chadd Ficcadenti

EMT Basic/Driver
Less than 1 year

Father of three, soon to be four. Wild Land firefighter with North Pacific Forestry about to start my fourth season. Firefighter with Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue for three years. I enjoy riding my motorcycle, kayaking, Mt. Biking, and playing music. I am a part time student at L.C.C. actively pursuing my paramedic degree.

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Ben Taylor

Paramedic
Less than 1 year

I am a recently licensed paramedic and am excited to work with and around such extraordinary people. I am an avid traveler and enjoy most outdoor activities as well as reading in my spare time.

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Ali Gharib

Paramedic
1 Year

I am originally from Eugene. My girlfriend and I both are fortunate to have jobs here in Florence. I love my profession, and being able to make a positive impact in our community. My girlfriend and I love the weather and outdoor activities here on the coast.

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Zach Werner

CCEMT
3 Years

I volunteer with Mapleton Fire Department where I handle EMS training. Recently I have been given the opportunity to provide QRT training to the Mapleton Fire Department and the Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Department. I am married to a wonderful and hard working woman who is a Teacher at the local Elementary School. I enjoy snowboarding, fishing and golfing.

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