

## **1st Lt Jermaine Down, NREMT-I Health Services Officer, Southwest Region**

Lt Jermaine Down was born in Bedford, England in 1982 and immigrated to the United States in 1986. Lt Down spent 5 years in California before moving to Oklahoma.

At age 19, Lt Down joined the US Navy and was assigned as a Hospital Corpsman to III Marine Expeditionary Force. During Lt Down's military service, he took on many assignments:

- Expeditionary Corpsman/Medic
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Sports Medicine Technician
- Medical Logistician
- Armorer/Pistol Range Coach
- Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor (Green Belt)

Lt Down finished his military career in 2006 while serving as Occupational Health Leading Petty Officer and Emergency Vehicle Operator at the US Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan.

After his military service, Lt Down accepted a position as a Public Safety Communicator/9-1-1 Call Taker for the Oklahoma City Police Department. Shortly after that, Lt Down joined the Civil Air Patrol as a Drug Demand Reduction Officer for the Flying Castle Composite Squadron.

After completing 2 years of service to CAP, Lt Down took a hiatus to pursue full-time Emergency Medical Services education. In his 2 ½ years of formal education, Lt Down learned advanced patient care and assessment, advanced incident management, and treatment of critical patients in both rural and urban environments. Lt. Down is certified as an Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate, Basic Life Support/First Aid/CPR Instructor, and an EMS Instructor. Lt Down is also certified as an ICS-300 and ICS-400 Instructor through the Oklahoma State University, Fire Services Training Campus.

Lt Down returned to CAP after his education and was assigned as the Health Services Officer for the Oklahoma City Composite Squadron. During his tenure at the Squadron, Lt Down instituted a robust Emergency Medical Responder training program, was granted Training Officer status through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, and started a program to introduce cadets to careers in Emergency Medical/Fire Services. Being recognized for his efforts, Lt Down was transferred to Southwest Region Staff.

Lt Down currently works for the US Department of Veterans Affairs/Veterans Health Administration, supervising EMS claims processing/Special Mode Travel at the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center, and is a member of the facility's CBRNE/HAZMAT Decontamination Team. Lt Down also volunteers as an EMT for the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps.