

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Matt Jones

Honoree's Job Title: Deputy Fire Marshal

Department: Fire Marshal

Years of Service with the County: 5

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On the evening of August 6 Matt was monitoring jail phone calls as a follow up to an investigation he was working. In this process Matt heard what he believed an inmate who could possibly be a danger to himself. By cross referencing another inmate's phone information Matt was able to make a positive identification. He immediately reported what he heard to jail staff who were able to reassign the inmate to the infirmary who placed the inmate on suicide watch and provided mental health professionals that could intervene.

Matt's quick actions prevented the inmate from causing harm to himself. It is his attention to detail that led to the resolution of this situation.

Matt also received a letter of commendation from Sheriff Skinner for his actions.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 20 day of Oct ,20 21

Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jason Browning
Printed Name



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

JIM SKINNER, SHERIFF

September 30, 2021

Deputy Fire Marshal Matt Jones
Collin County Fire Marshal
4690 Community Ave., Suite 200
McKinney, Texas 75071

Re: Written Letter of Commendation

Dear Matt:

On or about August 6, 2021, you were monitoring the phone calls of an inmate at the Collin County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility for investigative purposes. During the course of this investigation, you heard an inmate make comments that led you to believe the inmate was a danger to himself. You located this phone call not by the inmates' identifying phone information, but using another inmates' identifying phone information. Based upon your investigative skill and immediate action, this inmate was reassigned to the Infirmary on a suicide watch so mental health professionals could intervene.

Your actions went above and beyond the call of duty and are a direct reflection of your character, and illustrate your dedicated service to our community. I want to thank you for your actions on August 6, 2021. Your conduct is the epitome of a selfless servant and a shining example of a law enforcement professional. Thank you for being the professional that you are.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Skinner".

Jim Skinner
Collin County Sheriff

JOS/cp