

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Frank Rojas

Honoree's Job Title: Epidemiology Analyst

Department: Healthcare Services

Years of Service with the County: 2 years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On September 30, 2014, the Centers for Disease Control gave confirmation of the first U.S. case of Ebola Virus Disease in our neighboring county, Dallas County. In the days and weeks that followed, the original Dallas County case resulted in two additional cases in the healthcare workers who provided care for the patient. As a result, local, regional, state, and federal public health officials were called upon to manage the crisis.

During the last year that Frank has been with the Epidemiology team, he has balanced his time between Epidemiology tasks and assisting the Tuberculosis clinic. However, once the first Ebola case was confirmed, the workload for the Epidemiology team increased tremendously. Frank readily took the initiative and volunteered to support the team's surveillance efforts which included performing public health activities after hours, on weekends, and working late into the evenings. Frank also made it possible for staff members to focus on Ebola-related tasks by taking on a greater share of the day-to-day workload of disease investigations which would otherwise be delayed due to the current crisis. Frank's adaptability and flexibility make him a valuable team player. He deserves a GEM for going above and beyond to help his team and the department respond to this public health emergency.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 7 day of November, 2014

Condy Blair
Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head

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Printed Name