

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Arthur Renteria

Honoree's Job Title: Equipment Operator

Department: Public Works Road & Bridge

Years of Service with the County: 7.5

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Public Works Road & Bridge maintains approximately 770 miles of roads throughout the county. In addition, R&B is responsible for the turf and vegetation control in the county Right-of-Way adjacent to the road on both sides. To accommodate this, Public Works designates a few R&B employees as herbicide specialists. Roughly 2 years ago, Arthur agreed to join this small group. He obtained the testing material to prepare for the lengthy and difficult, 4-part Herbicide Applicators License test administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

After successfully passing the test, Arthur became the lead person for the Department's herbicide operations. He gradually began refining and improving certain practices which have benefitted the Department significantly. Often, grass and weed can grow quickly to conceal telephone pedestals in the Right-of-Way. As a result, our tractor mowers occasionally damage one in the course of mowing. Arthur's efforts to diligently treat all signs and phone pedestals periodically have reduced the incidence of damaged assets considerably which saves the Department money. Arthur has exhibited true initiative and a solid work ethic while managing the herbicide program. This dedication exemplifies just one of the reasons Arthur remains a valued employee of Public Works.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 18 day of Jan., 2013



Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head



Printed Name