

# Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Joel Thornton

Honoree's Job Title: Equipment Technician

Department: Equipment Services

Years of Service with the County: 13 years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

The Equipment Services division of Public Works administers the procurement and maintenance of hundreds of vehicles and equipment in its expansive fleet. Joel Thornton is one of 8 Equipment Technicians the department employs to maintain the County's vast array of vehicles and equipment ranging from chainsaws to 26 ton front loaders. On the evening of September 27, Joel returned to work although he was not "on call" to assist our heavy equipment vendor, Caterpillar, and the tow truck company remove a disabled roller from the road that was posing a potential safety hazard. The previous month in August, Joel stayed after hours to perform critical maintenance on the fuel pumps at the Service Center to ensure their operation throughout the weekend. Anyone who knows Joel would not be surprised by these actions. His knowledge and professionalism are exceeded only by his generous and unselfish nature. Because he is a respected and valued member of Equipment Services and because of his exceptional service to Collin County over the last 13 years, I nominate Joel Thornton for the GEM award.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 7 day of Dec., 2016



Signature of Elected Official  
or Department Head



Printed Name