

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Richard Dash

Honoree's Job Title: Equipment Operator

Department: Public Works Road & Bridge

Years of Service with the County:

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

In addition to maintaining the county's vast road network, Public Works periodically assists Emergency Responders upon request. The versatility of Road & Bridge heavy equipment and its operator is uniquely suited to support responders in certain situations.

One such event presented itself early afternoon on January 31. High winds swept a contained burn pile out of control and across a field to a small barn containing hay near the intersection CR 466 and CR 494. Melissa, Lowry Crossing and Princeton fire departments responded but eventually requested Public Works assistance. Richard Dash was working in the area and drove to the site with his Gradall excavator. There, he used the Gradall's telescopic arm and bucket to spread and separate the hay bales allowing the firefighters to focus their efforts. Due to the size and intensity of the blaze, responders battled the fire until late into the afternoon.

Richard's adroit and proficient use of the Gradall proved invaluable to the firefighters' struggle to contain the fire. His skill ensured he never endangered himself or the firefighters while manipulating the hay bales with the Gradall's bucket. The responders expressed their appreciation to Richard for his selfless contribution. He exhibited true professionalism and initiative beyond the call of duty with his conduct that day and for this reason, I nominate Richard Dash for the Going the Extra Mile award.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 28 day of Feb., 2017



Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head



Printed Name