

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Austin Duke

Honoree's Job Title: Equipment Operator

Department: Public Works Road & Bridge

Years of Service with the County: 3+

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

As the summer heat was upon us in late May, the asphalt surface for CR 557 began to delaminate due to heavy truck traffic between SH 78 and US 380. Public Works developed a plan to overlay the current 2-course chip seal surface with HMAC, but before the overlay could be completed there were several areas along CR 557 that needed to be repaired. As truck traffic would continue to destroy the road over the weekend a crew was put together on the night of Friday May 30th to shut down CR 557 and make additional repairs on Saturday May 31st.

Austin came to work on Saturday May 31st to help expedite repairs so the overlay work could commence on the following Monday. Because of Austin's willingness to ensure the project would continue as planned, I nominate him for the Going the Extra Mile Award.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 17 day of Sept., 2025



Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head



Printed Name