

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Cheryl Mathis

Honoree's Job Title: Records Manager

Department: Sheriff's Office

Years of Service with the County: 22 years 2 months

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On 12-23-2014 CCSO CIS became aware of a possible barricaded subject in the West Minister area of Collin County. The subject has a history of mental illness, is a certified peace officer, has numerous weapons, is considered suicidal and had active warrants for sexual assault of a child. Additional information indicated that the subject may be holding his adult son against his will. His employing agency, law enforcement and others had been trying to make contact with him for approximately a day and was unsuccessful.

As members of CIS began gathering information in preparation to assist in taking the subject safely into custody, Cheryl Mathis overheard requests for information and offered her assistance. Cheryl advised me that she was familiar with both the subject and his adult son. Cheryl was able to make contact with the adult son who advised that his father was in the house with him. He was in and out of his room and had access to his service weapon. Cheryl spoke with the subject and established that it was ok for the son to leave the residence, which he did. This went on for approximately one hour. Cheryl continued conversing with the subject and ultimately convinced him to come out of the residence, surrender to a deputy and be transported to CCSO CIS without incident.

The outcome of this situation may have been quite different had Cheryl Mathis not offered her assistance and utilized her training to defuse and calm the subject.

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Approved by elected official or department head on the 2nd day of JAN., 20 15

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Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head

TERRY G. BOY
Printed Name