

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Christopher Alexander Penaloza
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Deputy Sheriff

Department: Sheriff's Office / Patrol Deputy

Years of Service with the County: 8 months

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Deputy Penaloza arrives to work on time on a daily basis, is above reproach in uniform appearance, and consistently displays a positive attitude throughout the entire shift even under the stress of a new deputy in field training. Deputy Penaloza has also been performing well above the minimum standard required for a deputy assigned to field training and will, without question, be an asset to this agency.

Last month, during a tornado warning storm, Deputy Penaloza's personal vehicle was crushed in half by a light pole. The light pole broke loose from its base and fell on top of his car while it was parked in the county employee parking lot. Although this incident would have been upsetting to any person facing this immediate financial loss, Deputy Penaloza kept a positive attitude and even requested to continue to work his shift until the storm subsided. This request clearly showed that Deputy Penaloza was willing to place the needs of the citizens of Collin County before his own.

Deputy Penaloza has set a standard not only for new deputies to strive for, but for all deputies. A standard in professionalism, service before self, and a commitment to excellence.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 23rd day of mar, 2023

Jim Skinner
Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner
Printed Name