

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

Honoree's Name: Duane      First Name      Middle Initial      Last Name Cortes

Honoree's Job Title: Deputy Sheriff

Department: Sheriff's Office

Years of Service with the County: 4

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Deputy Duane Cortes has been a Collin County Sheriff's Office member for the past four (4) years. Since joining the Collin County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Cortes has been assigned to the Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) as a full-time Task Force Officer (TFO).

While assigned to HSI, Deputy Cortes has been involved in numerous investigations that impact Collin County and the entire United States of America. Deputy Cortes has been directly responsible for seizing thousands of pounds of illicit narcotics. Deputy Cortes recently started an investigation which led to the seizure of 228 pounds of cocaine and 53 pounds of fentanyl. Because of Deputy Cortes' diligent investigation, the illicit narcotics were seized, and countless lives were saved.

In August 2023, the Department of Homeland Security Investigations recognized Deputy Cortes' tireless efforts to protect our citizens. Deputy Cortes was awarded "Task Force Officer of the Year". Deputy Cortes exemplifies what the Collin County Sheriff's Office expects from their employees. Because of Deputy Cortes' relentless work ethic, I would like to nominate him for a Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Award.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 5th day of Sept. 2023

  
Signature of Elected Official  
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner  
Printed Name