

Collin County

**Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form**

Honoree's Name: Erin Whitfield

Honoree's Job Title: Dispatcher

Department: Sheriff's Office

Years of Service with the County: 13

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

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While serving as the primary dispatcher on Monday, May 14, 2018 during incident 18-061506, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, vehicle pursuit, and evading on foot.

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The incident began at 16:37, and was completed four hours later at 20:41. Erin Whitfield continuously completes the painstaking task of organizing personnel locations of approximately 52 first responders including, 8 firemen, 7 canine units, air support, a drone unit, 2 horse patrols, and 32 Deputy Sheriff and police officers. The operation consist of several agencies working together including Princeton Police Department, Farmerville Police Department, Collin County Constable Deputies, DPS, Collin County Deputies, Bonham Prison Canines, Air101, and a Texas Ranger.

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Sergeant Armstrong was extremely busy organizing and deploying a plan of action. Erin Whitfield continued to keep in contact with him by radio and phone, updating the Sergeant with status checks and helping problem solve with issues including reorganizing the entire east perimeter upon Sergeant Armstrong's request.

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Erin Whitfield's attitude, willingness to help, and attention to detail's while completing her duties, is just simply appreciated. Erin Whitfield's dedication to the team effort and selflessly helping others was a key factor to the success of capturing the evading suspect safely. Her actions during this incident were keeping with the highest traditions of Law Enforcement and the Collin County Sheriff's Office.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 20 18

Tim Skinner, Sheriff

Signature of Elected Official  
or Department Head

Tim Skinner

Printed Name