

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Franklin Wilson
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job
Title: Deputy Sheriff

Department: Sheriff's Office

Years of Service with the County: 1.5 years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

In January 2020, Lt. Armstrong met with Sgt. Pond regarding the "Linus Blanket" project. During this meeting, Lt. Armstrong learned that deputies had extremely limited knowledge about the project and its mission. Lt. Armstrong also heard there was very little accountability regarding when these blankets were to be issued. Lt. Armstrong had previously spoken with Deputy Wilson about this issue and others, to include, helping our citizens get access to veteran and homeless programs and resources.

To correct these deficiencies, Lt. Armstrong asked Deputy Wilson to become the point person for these initiatives. Over the last four weeks, Deputy Wilson has gone above and beyond any expectations that would have been normally set for a project of this nature.

Deputy Wilson met with each patrol shift, explaining the procedures and expectations of the blanket project, while also ensuring that each patrol vehicle is equipped with an emergency blanket. Deputy Wilson diligently researched all agencies in Collin County that provide resources to our citizens. Deputy Wilson identified food services, health services, community resource centers, free shower and laundry facilities, family emergency shelters, transitional living programs, domestic violence shelters, emergency shelter locations and cold weather shelters. Deputy Wilson also acquired an updated Collin County emergency contact telephone number list through Angel Food Ministries. This list contained over 112 resource contact addresses and telephone numbers. Furthermore, Deputy Wilson contacted the Veteran Center Of North Texas, and gained their contact information and a list of services provided by their agency.

This list was provided to all of our patrol deputies to ensure we are able to provide the most up to date and useful information to all the citizens we serve. The actions of Deputy Wilson reflect great credit upon himself and are worthy of a GEM award.

Jim Skinner
1/29/2020