

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

Honoree's Name: Sherrille Gill

Honoree's Job Title: Transfer Officer

Department: Sheriff's Office

Years of Service with the County: 12

Last year the Texas legislature instituted a new required course called “Interacting with Drivers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing” and provided a course guide that really does not apply to the great majority of the Sheriff’s Office’s Peace Officer roles.

Deputies from the PSS/Training Section spent considerable time looking for outside assistance and/or vendors to provide this training to our employees. It became apparent after months of looking that this was not going to happen and decided to provide this course internally. We selected Transfer Officer Sherrille Gill to be the instructor in conjunction with a subject matter expert and member of the public, Tina Cook. Since they first met in November 2016 at the Sheriff's Office they have met at least five separate occasions outside of work to develop this course. On these occasions Deputy Gill was not compensated by the County, nor did she ask for compensation. In addition, Deputy Gill has entered into a private service with Mrs. Cook for professional instruction in American Sign Language.

Deputy Gill's contribution to Training serves many purposes: 1) it saves significant County resources by providing the course internally; 2) it serves as an example of positive cooperation between the public and the government; 3) she brings credit to herself and this agency by embracing the subject matter at a personal level; and 4) making it applicable to the Sheriff's Office's needs. By going above and beyond to learn ASL she is providing a greater level of service to the citizens of Collin County.

Deputy Gill's selfless actions have aided in furthering the mission of the Sheriff's Office.

  
Signature of Elected Official  
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner, Sheriff  
Printed Name