

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Joshua C. Duncan

Honoree's Job Title: Deputy Sheriff

Department: Field Operations

Years of Service with the County: 5 years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On Wednesday, April 29, 2020, Deputy Joshua Duncan was dispatched to two separate calls that showed dedication to the community and restraint.

At approximately 1820 hours, Deputy Duncan was dispatched to a boating accident located at [REDACTED] in which a boat overturned. Deputy Duncan was able to find the boaters who were struggling with the vessel. Deputy Duncan also noticed that a female juvenile was in the partially submerged vessel. Deputy Duncan took it upon himself to enter waist-deep water to assist the boaters, and carry the female youth to safety and warmth. Because of Deputy Duncan's actions and awareness of other calls, he was able to disregard emergency watercraft, allowing them to respond to another boating accident involving six people in the water.

(See attached continuation sheet)

Approved by elected official or department head on the 5/5 day of May, 20 20

 Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

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5th day of May, 20 20

Jim Skinner

Printed Name

Continuation sheet Deputy Duncan GEM Award

At approximately 2033 hours, Deputy Duncan was dispatched to [redacted] in reference to a threat call by phone. While speaking to the reporting party, Deputy Duncan was informed that the female in question was suicidal. Deputy Duncan told dispatch that he would be responding to the scene and requested a back-up unit.

Upon Deputy Duncan's arrival, he began to speak to the reporting party. While speaking to the reporting party, the female subject exited the residence armed with a weapon, began yelling, and started walking towards them. Deputy Duncan gave the female commands to drop the weapon. During this time, the female briefly pointed the handgun at Deputy Duncan.

Deputy Duncan was able to talk the female into putting the handgun down and surrendering. While taking the female into custody, she asked Deputy Duncan why he didn't shoot her. It was later discovered that the handgun was not loaded.

The reporting party stated that Deputy Duncan used extreme restraint when he could have used deadly force against the female.