

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Mark Skinner
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Detention Officer

Department: Platoon 2

Years of Service with the County: 15

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Platoon 2 Supervision would like to nominate Officer Skinner, Mark for Employee of the Month.

Officer Skinner sets a good example for all officers. He has been a consistent rock within this agency for the past 15 years. His excellent attitude and work ethic attract others to him. It seems as though, no matter what is going on in his life, Officer Skinner always has a smile on his face and a joke to keep everyone's spirits up. Officer Skinner's personality, calm demeanor and patience has had a great effect on new officers, and has helped to develop other individuals into excellent officers.

New employees look up to him and go to him for advice on how to handle issues that arise in the jail. Officer Skinner is a great resource for the Collin County Detention Facility. He is willing to share his many experiences with employees and advise them of things that have worked well for him as well as things that did not work. He doesn't put officers down but rather takes them under his wing with the experiences that he shares with them.

Over the past 15 years Officer Skinner's work ethic, and professionalism has set an example for all to follow. One of his greatest assets is the ability to deescalate a stressful situation and the ability to communicate with an inmate that has become aggressive and noncompliant. His communication skills with inmates and officers is tremendous. He is able to get inmates to calm down and comply with directives when many others had tried and failed. We have seen him build a rapport and trust with inmates that have mental issues and others that tend to become irritated easily and shut themselves off from communication.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 2nd day of Apr, 2024


Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner
Printed Name