

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

Honoree's Name: Sarah M. Wittenburg
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Deputy Sheriff

Department: Sheriff's Office

Years of Service with the County: 5

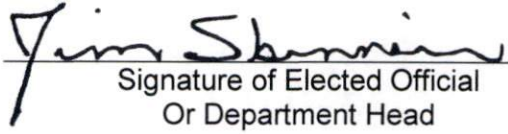
A Blue Ridge citizen contacted the sheriff's office and advised that she lost power at her residence Wednesday evening during the winter storm and Deputy Bacon, along with Cpl. Wittenburg, came to her aid.

After the power loss, the 60 year-old citizen and her 82 year-old mother, found the back-up generator would not start, they didn't have any firewood and they couldn't leave the residence due to ice affecting her steep driveway. They were extremely concerned about their safety and became increasingly cold as temperatures dropped.

Hoping for some assistance, the citizen posted a message on the Blue Ridge Facebook page seeking to purchase firewood and have it delivered. Deputy Bacon, who was off-duty, saw the post and immediately sprang into action. Deputy Bacon navigated icy roads to drive from his home in Grayson County to Blue Ridge where he delivered firewood to the family. Deputy Bacon also offered them blankets and to drive to the store for food. Deputy Bacon refused to take any money for the firewood and advised the citizen that he would ensure someone came by later check on them.

At approximately 10pm, Corporal Wittenburg arrived at the residence with a crock pot of chicken noodle soup. The citizen described this as a "lifesaver" and she spent the evening sitting near the fire, eating soup with her mother.

The actions of these employees is an example for all of us to follow and is the epitome of service above self.


Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head


Printed Name