

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Stephen First Name: Stephen Middle Initial: E Last Name: Diaz

Honoree's Job Title: Deputy Sheriff

Department: Sheriff's Office

Years of Service with the County: 25 years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

In recent weeks, Deputy Michael Thigpen and Deputy Stephen Diaz have demonstrated exceptional initiative and commitment beyond their assigned duties. They initiated sending updates to the Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer (PIO) while continuing their regular duties, providing invaluable updates regarding traffic conditions and frequent violations observed. This streamlined approach significantly contributed to the effectiveness of our social media communication efforts, ensuring that the community remains informed and safe.

Their dedication to going above and beyond has led to the dissemination of important safety messages to our community. Recently, they promptly shared information with the PIO about an increase in citizens ignoring barricades that closed off roads due to flooding. This facilitated the dissemination of public safety messages and potentially prevented more hazardous situations.

Moreover, their proactive communication has not only enhanced departmental efficiency but also alleviated the workload of their colleagues. By providing timely updates, they have eliminated the need for extensive manual research, enabling their peers to focus on other essential tasks.

For their exceptional contributions, by going the extra mile for both our agency and the citizens we serve, Deputy Michael Thigpen and Deputy Stephen Diaz deserve the GEM Award.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 12th day of June, 2024


Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner
Printed Name