

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Rebecca Drekmann

Honoree's Job Title: Bioterrorism Planner

Department: Homeland Security

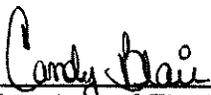
Years of Service with the County: 1 year

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On September 30, 2014, the Centers for Disease Control gave confirmation of the first U.S. case of Ebola Virus Disease in our neighboring county, Dallas County. In the days and weeks that followed, the original Dallas County case resulted in two additional cases in the healthcare workers who provided care for the patient. As a result, local, regional, state, and federal public health officials were called upon to manage the crisis.

As the workload for the local health department, Collin County Healthcare Services (CCHCS), steadily increased, it was clear that additional support would be needed in order to fulfill the surveillance and reporting demands required by state and regional public health officials during this event. As soon as she was notified of the needs of the Epidemiology team, Rebecca rose to the challenge of quickly assembling her team, coordinating their tasks, disseminating education/instructions, and collecting data. She maintained close communication with the CCHCS Epidemiology team so that the Homeland Security team was up to date on the latest guidance and recommendations from regional and state public health officials. Rebecca's responsibilities required her to be available extended hours, including many late evenings and weekends. . Rebecca's efforts as the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Coordinator provided the CCHCS Epidemiology team the additional resources needed to efficiently and effectively carry out public health activities related to the Ebola cases. Her contribution in this public health emergency was noteworthy and is deserving of a GEM to reflect our appreciation of her contribution.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 7 day of November, 2014



Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head



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