

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Robert Watkins

Honoree's Job Title: Truck Driver

Department: Public Works Road & Bridge

Years of Service with the County: 1.8 years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

In 2008, Public Works initiated a program which allows probationers to serve their court ordered community service at Public Works. This work typically entails probationers picking up trash along county roads while supervised by a PW Road & Bridge employee. On 9-21-2013, Robert Watkins was supervising a weekend C.S.C.D. crew, cleaning a creek under C.R. 337. The crew found a dilapidated jewelry chest in the creek. Before tossing the chest into the trash trailer, Robert took an extra second to open the drawer of the chest. Inside, he found jewelry paperwork, jewelry certificates and a work identification card. Though weathered, they were still readable. Believing the information was important, Robert retained the information and presented it to the Environmental Enforcement Deputy (Lee Howe) on the following Monday.

Searching the Sheriff's Office database, Deputy Howe determined the person listed on the jewelry paperwork had reported a burglary at her home the previous month. Due to Robert's alert and diligent efforts, this crime victim was offered some measure of closure. For assisting the Sheriff's Office with their investigation and demonstrating commendable initiative, I nominate Robert Watkins for the GEM award.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 23 day of Oct., 2013



Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head



Printed Name