Collin County
Going the **E**xtra **M**ile (**GEM**) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Richard White

Honoree's Job Title: Maintenance Worker

Department: Public Works Road & Bridge

Years of Service with the County: 7

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Public Works employs many people in its Road & Bridge division who engage in a variety of activities while discharging their duties. On the morning of April 11, two employees also demonstrated their humanity and regard for others. Dayne Shepherd and Richard White encountered a single vehicle rollover on Preston Rd. while driving to a worksite. Without hesitation, the two stopped to assess the situation and render aid to the vehicle's occupants. Shortly thereafter, the Celina FD arrived to whom Dayne and Richard explained their knowledge of the situation and offered assistance. The FD welcomed the offer and soon the two were moving equipment and bags with the firefighters. Eventually, the scene was stabilized and Richard and Dayne departed with the appreciation of the Celina FD.

Occasionally, various public safety agencies request Road & Bridge's assistance with crisis events such as fires and floods. The employees perform their duties with quiet professionalism but are rarely recognized for their contribution. This aptly describes the actions of Dayne and Richard with their selfless compassion on April 11. Not only does this reflect positively on Collin County, it also reinforces the community spirit and "men for others" sensibility. For these reasons, I nominate Richard White for a GEM award

Approved by elected official or department head on the 15 day of April, 20 13

Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head

Jon Kleinhekel
Printed Name

Jon Kleinheksel

From: Jon Kleinheksel
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 3:32 PM
To: 'Kyle Mills'
Cc: Mark Metdker
Subject: RE: Thank you

Deputy Chief Mills~

I truly appreciate the kind words and follow up! Most of our Public Works crew members work very hard with little or no recognition. I will make certain they are both recognized for their compassion and subsequent assistance..

Again, Thanks for the follow up and sincere words..

Jon

From: Kyle Mills [mailto:kmills@celina-tx.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 3:16 PM
To: Jon Kleinheksel
Cc: Mark Metdker
Subject: Thank you

I am not sure if this is going to the right placed, however, I would like to formally thank two of your employees:

Dayne Shepherd and Richard White

They were coming through Celina this am when they came upon a one-vehicle rollover on Preston road. They stopped and began trying to make sure everyone was ok. They were great help to the fire department once we arrived on scene. They offered to help in any way and assisted us in carrying some bags which was a big help.

It is not often any more to see the care and compassion for other humans that these two showed when it wasn't required of them.

Thank you again and please let me know that this "thank you" makes its way to them and their supervisor.

Kyle Mills
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