Collin County
Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Maria Lemonds

Honoree's Job Title: Assistant Dispatch Supervisor

Department: Collin County Sheriff's Office

Years of Service with the County: 15 years 7 months

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates: 03/13/2014

On March 13, 2014; Maria Lemonds was instrumental in saving a citizen's life after the person made suicidal threats and then left the residence before the local police department could get to the residence. Maria was able to track the person's cell phone and contact authorities in Oklahoma concerning the situation. Between working with the cell phone company and the Oklahoma authorities, she was able to get help to the person who was rushed to the hospital. The citizen had taken a large amount of prescription medications.

Approved by elected official or department head on the **27th** day of **March**, 2014.

Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Terry G. Box
Printed Name

COLLIN COUNTY

Terry G. Box, Sheriff

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
4300 Community Avenue
McKinney, TX 75071

March 25, 2014

Captain Kyle Babcock
Melissa Police Department
3411 Barker Avenue
Melissa, TX 75454

Dear Captain Babcock:

This correspondence is in reference to your letter dated March 20, 2014. I appreciate you taking the time to write me regarding Collin County Sheriff's Assistant Communications Supervisor Maria Lemonds, and how she assisted in locating a woman who had attempted suicide by ingesting a large amount of prescription medication. I understand had it not been for Ms. Lemonds quick response in coordinating with other law enforcement agencies and her work in getting the cell phone tracked, the woman likely would have died before being found.

There is nothing that pleases me more than to hear good things about my employees. I want to assure you that I will forward a copy of your letter to Ms. Lemonds' supervisor and a copy will be placed in her personnel file along with a copy of this letter. Once again, I want to thank you for taking the time to write and share this information with me.

If I or my staff can be of assistance to you or Melissa Police Department in the future, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

Terry G. Box
Sheriff

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Melissa Police Department

Chief of Police: Duane A. Smith

"Together we can keep Melissa a safe place to live"

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COLLIN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Dear Sheriff Box,

I wanted to take a moment to share with you what I believe to be truly exceptional actions taken by one of your dispatch supervisors that saved a woman's life on March 13th, 2014.

On that date, the Melissa Police Department received a report of an attempted suicide where the person had fled from Melissa before police could reach her. While she was away, the suicidal person advised that she had ingested a large amount of prescription medication and was about to lose consciousness. While her husband was talking to her on the phone, our officer was relaying facts to dispatcher Maria Lemonds, who was working with her cell phone company to ping the phone and then sending local law enforcement in Oklahoma to the area to search for her.

No sooner did the suicidal person pass out on the phone did deputies from the Bryan County, Oklahoma, Sheriff's Office locate the woman and summoned medical aid and thus saved her life. Had it not been for Lemonds' quick work of getting the phone tracked, contacting agencies around the coordinates and relaying information being gathered by Melissa Police at her residence, it is almost certain that the victim would have likely died before being found.

On behalf of the Melissa Police Department, we are very thankful for all that your dispatchers do for us, but especially for the outstanding work Dispatcher Lemonds demonstrated that day.

Sincerely,

Kyle Babcock
Captain
Administration/Criminal Investigations

Forward To Chief Allen for EEM award Palmisano 3/25/14

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