

Collin County
Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Andrew Leonard
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Deputy Sheriff

Department: Sheriff's Office / Patrol

Years of Service with the County: _____

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On 09/21/24, Deputies were dispatched in reference to a suicidal subject who was a veteran with PTSD and armed. It was reported that the subject advised the crisis line workers that if cops came, there would be a shootout. Deputy Leonard was first on scene and located the gentleman. The subject in question, immediately put his weapon down and engaged with Leonard in conversation. Leonard effectively engaged with him and was able to verbally deescalate the situation. During this exchange, a Mental Health Deputy arrived on scene and immediately began working to locate resources for the subject to further deescalate the situation. They were able to locate resources who could come to the scene to counsel the gentleman. The entire time, while deputies sought services and while waiting for those services to arrive, Leonard remained engaged with the man. The gentleman agreed to seek assistance from the resources provided. At the conclusion of this call, no force was used, no APOWW was necessary, and the gentleman received the services he needed. Due to his very diligent efforts, and very effective verbal skills, Deputy Leonard was able to deescalate the situation and in the process, prevent a likely use of force, and possible injury of deputies and the gentleman in crisis.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 21st day of Nov, 20 24

Jim Skinner
Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner, Sheriff
Printed Name