

It is with great honor I am nominating Fort Worth Police Officer Donna Eldridge ID#2363 for the FWPOA Emma Richardson award. Prior to beginning her career with Fort Worth PD, Officer Eldridge spent eight years with Waco PD. With her 29 plus years with Fort Worth, she is a 37 year police veteran. Officer Eldridge has fulfilled a number of assignments within Fort Worth PD and has always exemplified what it means to be a true servant to the community. Officer Eldridge has not just helped out with the community she serves, but has demonstrated what it is to be a true leader in community outreach. She has not only been a part of a number of programs, she has started outreach programs and currently sits on the board for a number of charitable organizations. Officer Eldridge has become the go to person for our department and assisting agencies when it comes to needing help, advice or just encouragement on how to effectively help others.

Because she has and is involved in so many activities, I must list them out and I am sure I am leaving many out:

- Has held positions in Patrol, Traffic- DWI, Training, Mounted, SSI, NPO, Legal Liaison, Homelessness / Community Relations Liaison.
- Officer Eldridge found her true calling as Homeless / Community Relations Liaison assisting in locating and distributing resources to homeless, children, and the elderly.
- Donna was responsible for implementing the Operation Partnership Emergency Network (OPEN) group as a result of a tornado that touched down in downtown Fort Worth. The OPEN group is primarily stake holders in downtown who own/manage businesses and has now morphed into Downtown Security Group.
- Active Member of Business Office Management Association and Community Services Committee
- Chairperson of Tarrant County Adult Protective Services Community Board
- Cowboy Santa – Board of Director
- Code Blue Golf Tournament – Board of Director
- President of Cowtown Project Success – (Homeless Children's Art Classes)
- Task member for Elder Abuse / Falls
- Board member of Tarrant County Committee on Hoarding
- Planning Committee for Senior Synergy
- Planning Committee for Homeless Connect (Homeless Services fair where services are rendered on site)
- FWPD Toiletry drive – Supplies toiletry necessities to all needy in Tarrant County
- DFW Birthday Brigade – Throws Homeless Children Birthday Parties
- Co-Founder Care Closet – Clothing, Toiletry, Necessities, for FWISD students in.
- Nationally Recognized for Fraud/Safety programs for the Senior Community
- Top 25 Women in Tarrant County to watch in 2016, Better Business Bureau Publication

As you can see, serving others and taking on a leadership role both within and outside our department has been a passion for Officer Eldridge. Allowing your actions to speak to the type of person and police officer you are is probably the most effective way to gain the respect of those who observe you, and Officer Eldridge has had a career of making our profession an honorable one.

P.S. An interesting bit of trivia: In 1994 Officer Eldridge, in full uniform, rode an elephant down main Street in the middle downtown Fort Worth.

Respectfully Submitted,

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