

# SAFETY AND HEROISM



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Charles “Charlie” C. Carter is a correctional training coordinator for the Department of Public Safety. His role involves managing the operations of all basic training for the Community Corrections Division.

On the weekend of November 20, 2021, Carter went fishing with his father-in-law. When driving home, they encountered a woman in distress on a bridge. When Carter and his father-in-law stopped to help, the woman informed them that an older man had fallen from his boat into the water below. Immediately, Carter ran to the shore and swam out in the cold water to the man. Using his strength, Carter was able to support the older man and himself until he could reach the boat.

Unable to hoist the man into the boat, Carter instructed him to hold onto the side of the boat while he pulled the anchor. He then swam back to shore while supporting the man and pushing the boat. As Carter made his way to shore, the exhausted man pleaded with him not to let go. Once they were close enough, Carter walked the man out of the water where emergency medical personnel and the fire department were waiting for them. The man was taken into an ambulance and sent to a hospital for evaluation. Carter cut his foot during the ordeal but was otherwise unharmed.

Charles “Charlie” C. Carter risked his own life to save another. In both his professional and personal lives, he strives to serve the public. His outstanding judgment and courage have earned him the Governor’s Award for Excellence in the category of Safety and Heroism. Carter is an exceptional employee of the Department of Public Safety and the State of North Carolina.

