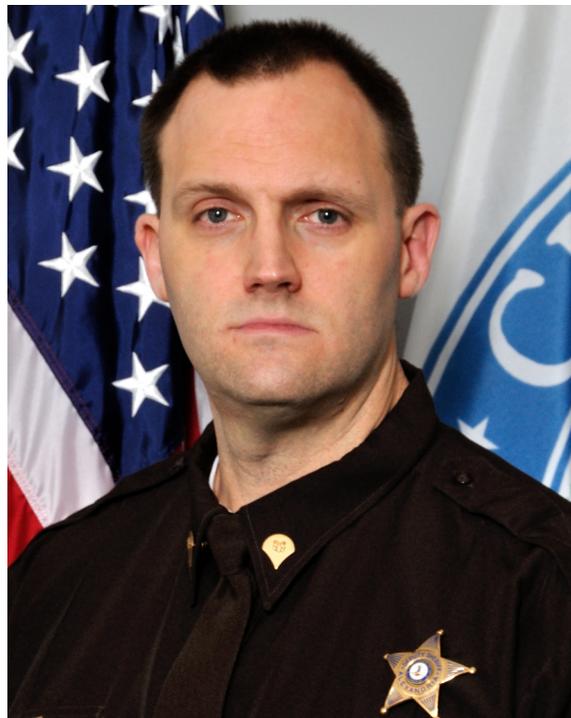


2014 Valor Awards — Suicidal Inmate

On November 3, Deputy Sheriff Charles Poarch was working a shift at the Booking post. During his shift, an Alexandria police officer brought in an arrestee who had been charged with Domestic Assault and battery and Drunk in Public. The subject was very intoxicated and was placed in a cell until he could sober up. Once he was sober, he could complete the booking process. After placing him in the cell, Deputy Poarch began to processing paper work while keeping an eye on the subject through the security monitors. The subject was visibly upset and could be seen pacing around the cell. Eventually, the inmate laid down on the cell's bed and appeared to be going to sleep. Deputy Poarch continued to complete the subject's paper work and when he looked up again, just a few minutes later, he observed the subject laying face-down on the floor of the cell. Deputy Poarch ran in to the cell. He found that the subject had tied his shirt around his neck and tightened it until he had lost consciousness. Deputy Poarch immediately radioed for medical staff and additional security staff and removed the shirt from around the subject's neck. The subject remained unresponsive. Just then, medical staff arrived and were able to revive the subject, who was then treated with full suicide precaution procedures.

Due to Deputy Poarch's observation skills and quick action in responding to the incident, the subject did not sustain any serious injury and survived to get the help he needed.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Poarch is awarded a Life Saving Award.



Charles Poarch