

# BARTOW POLICE

## DEPARTMENT

### Monthly Activity Report



# May 2020

**Joe Hall**

**Chief of Police**

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**CHIEF HALL RETIRED**

On May 28, 2020 Chief Joe Hall retired after 11 years of service to the City of Bartow.

## PATROL DIVISION

### Sgt. Michelle Smith, Interim Patrol Commander

#### ALPHA SQUAD - SGT. WILLIAM STEVENS

##### NEW EMPLOYEES

Officer Scott has been under the training of FTO Daughtry.

##### EDUCATION

Officers completed monthly Police One and Police Law Institute Training assignments and Officer Bilbrey conducted K-9 Training.

##### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

- ♦ MOORE, Erin: W/F Battery on a Person 65 yrs. or older

##### OTHER

Alpha Squad members made 6 arrests for the month of May and issued 24 traffic citations.

Officers focused on city parks to ensure compliance with Emergency Orders pertaining to Covid-19.

In addition, officers conducted traffic enforcement on major roadways in an attempt to minimize excessive speed.

Officers conducted heavy residential patrol throughout the city during the Stay at Home Order, in an attempt to minimize violations of the order.

#### BRAVO SQUAD SGT. RANDY TAGLIARINI

##### NEW EMPLOYEES

N/A

##### EDUCATION

Officers completed their online training assignments, as well as conducting Policy Reviews.

Officer Anderson attended K9 Trainings.

##### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

- ♦ **DAVIS, Christopher:** Aggravated Battery/Domestic Violence. Throwing a Deadly Missile, and Criminal Mischief. Davis got upset with the victim and threw several bricks through her vehicle window. The victim received several cuts. Davis fled the scene but was located by K-9 Falco and Ofc. Anderson hiding in an abandoned house.

##### OTHER

A total of 39 citations were issued and 10 arrests were made this month by Bravo Squad.

Officers concentrated on patrolling residential areas and conducted House Watch Orders to reduce crime.

#### CHARLIE SQUAD - SGT. JOHN MCKEE

##### NEW EMPLOYEES

N/A

##### EDUCATION

Officers completed their monthly Police One and Police Law Institute Training.

##### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

- ♦ WIGGINS, Mark: Felony Petit Theft (3rd Subsequent Offense), Tampering with Evidence.

##### OTHER

Charlie Squad members made 10 arrests and issued 39 traffic citations.

Officers conducted heavy patrol in residential areas and conducted Watch Orders to reduce crime.

#### DELTA SQUAD - SGT. JOHN ZORN

##### NEW EMPLOYEES

N/A

##### EDUCATION

Officers completed monthly Police One and Police Law Institute Training assignments.

Officer Gonzalez conducted K-9 Training.

##### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

- ♦ HILLMAN, Ray: Possession Cocaine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Resisting an Officer without Force.
- ♦ SMITH, Terrance: Violating Camping Ordinance, Resisting an Officer Without Force.
- ♦ STORY, Andrew: Carrying a Concealed Firearm
- ♦ VENANZIO, Joseph: Carrying a Concealed Firearm, Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon, and Violation of Felony Probation.

##### OTHER

Delta Squad members made 13 arrests and wrote 41 traffic citations this month.

Alpha Squad is responsible for 4 arrests and issued 20 traffic citations this month.

Officers focused on Business and Residential checks throughout the evenings. Officer conducted heavy patrol in the area of Azalea Gardens and the city parks.

## INVESTIGATIONS SECTION-SGT. MICHELLE SMITH

### EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Detectives completed the monthly training.

### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

- ♦ WILLIAMS, Jakeena: Fraud
- ♦ ESTRADA, Alexander: Fraud
- ♦ ROBINSON, Ivory: Arson
- ♦ STERLING, John: Felony Petit Theft

### OTHER

Det. Strickland has been diligently working the cold case homicide of Devon Washington.

## C.S.T. COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM

### SGT. LUKE HAUSER

#### NEW EMPLOYEES:

N/A

#### EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Online Police Law training is up to date.

#### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS:

- ♦ RODGERS, Major J.: Out of County Warrant, Resisting Arrest w/o Violence.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

All Community Services Events were canceled for this month.

CST made a total of 9 arrests and issued a total of 13 traffic citations.

CST assisted the Florida Department of Health with a Covid-19 testing site at Carver Recreation Center on May 30, 2020.

## Chief of Police Joe Hall Retired

On May 28, 2020 we said goodbye to Bartow Police Chief Joe Hall after 11 years of service to the City of Bartow. Deputy Chief Bryan Dorman presented Chief Hall with a gold chief's badge, a framed Bartow Police Patch, and an appreciation plaque for his years of service.

When Chief Hall came to Bartow in 2009, the first order of business he set for himself, was to have the Department accredited through the CFA. The goal has been challenging, however, in March 2020 the Mock Assessment was completed, and in August 2020 the final Assessment will take place.

Since 2009, Chief Hall has been the recipient of many honors, including: the Spirit Award in 2012, the Diversity Award in 2016, and he was Bartow's Relay for Life Chairman in 2012. He created the Citizens on Patrol Volunteer Program in 2011, the Community Services Team in 2012 and he brought back the Citizens Police Academy Program (2010-2018) with support and funding from American Legion Post 3.

In 2017 Chief Hall began monthly Chief Chats held at local restaurants, where citizens had the opportunity to speak about issues in an informal setting.

We appreciate his hard work and dedication to the city and the community, and for the accomplishments of the Bartow Police Department through his leadership.

Deputy Chief Bryan Dorman has been appointed Interim Chief of Police, and Sgt. Michelle Smith will be the Interim Patrol Commander.



MAY 2020 BARTOW POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY						
CITIZENS ON PATROL				RESERVE OFFICERS		OTHER VOLUNTEERS
Russ Cannons	0	David Lane	0	Mike Butler	26.00	Patrick Halley 0
Delores Lane	0	Julie Shaffer	0	William Groover	0	
Marvin Wiggins	0			William Nelson	0	
TOTAL FOR MAY - 26.00				TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2020 - 240.25		

**MOST OF THE VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO VOLUNTEER DUE TO THE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AND THE STAY HOME ORDER.**

# MAY 2020 PROPERTY CRIME STATISTICS

TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES - 4 PROPERTY CRIME TYPES RESIDENTIAL / CONVEYANCE / BUSINESS	TIME OF OCCURRENCE			TYPE OF ENTRY		
	DAY	NIGHT	UNK	FORCED	NO FORCE	UNK
<b>RESIDENTIAL TOTAL: 1</b> Includes Single family homes, Apartments, Mobile Homes, Carport, Storage Sheds		100%		100%		
<b>CONVEYANCE TOTAL- 1</b> Includes All Vehicles, Boats, and Trailers	100%				100%	
<b>BUSINESS TOTAL: 2</b> Includes Businesses, Churches, Storage Facilities, and Schools			100%	100%		

PROPERTY CRIMES 2014 - 2020						
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
JAN	16	10	18	27	16	21
FEB	14	19	11	15	15	24
MAR	16	8	35	15	22	29
APR	7	9	20	16	47	33
MAY	4	12	24	16	42	26
JUNE						
<b>TOTAL</b>	57	58	108	89	142	133

**Total Burglaries this month were at an all time low of 4**

## Distribution of Property Crimes By Beat A - F to date 2020 (See Beat Map on Page 5)

BEAT	TOTAL	%
A	15	26%
B	16	28%
C	3	5%
D	7	12%
E	9	16%
F	7	12%

## ✓ Does Neighborhood Watch Work?

**YES! Neighborhood Watch** is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country. The program brings citizens and communities together, with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. For more information on how to start a Crime Watch Group in your neighborhood,

**Crime Prevention Practitioner**  
Lyn Bryan at 863-534-5034 or  
email [lbryan.pd@cityofbartow.net](mailto:lbryan.pd@cityofbartow.net)

# City of Bartow (26) Beat Map

## A

North of West Main St.(Hwy60) to  
Van Fleet, West of Van Fleet to  
Broadway (Hwy 98)

### NOTABLE LOCATIONS:

- Polk Street Center, Gause Academy
- Stephens & Spessard Holland Elem. Schools
- Highland Lake Estates, Richland Manor
- Magnolia Walk, Griffin's Landing & Green
- Wind Meadows, Saddlewood
- Holiday Inn Express
- Portions of Lyle Pkwy & EF Griffin Rd

## B

South of Main Street,  
West of Broadway Ave.

### NOTABLE LOCATIONS:

- Square Lake (gated homes), Wildwood Cemetery
- Floral Ave. Elem, First Methodist School
- 555 Ballpark Facilities, Bartow Chevrolet
- Civic Center, Polk School Bd. Offices, Floral Lakes
- Laurel Meadows & The Villages

## C

South of Main St, East of Broadway Ave,  
West of Hwy 17

### NOTABLE LOCATIONS:

- Bartow Elementary Academy
- Bartow Middle & High Schools
- Mary Holland & Nye Jordan Parks
- Oak Hammock Mobile Home Pk
- Post Office
- Kissingen Ave.

## D

East of Hwy 98, North of Van Fleet Drive & Hwy  
60 Bypass, Primarily a Business District

### NOTABLE LOCATIONS:

- Bartow Ford Co. & Ernest Smith Blvd, Bartow Reg. Medical Center
- Old Bartow Eagle Lake Rd, The Meeting House
- James Point, Taylor Brooke
- Wal-Mart & The Hampton Inn
- Fountain Place Apts. Badcock Home Furn., Tractor Supply
- Bear Creek Apts.

## E

East of Hwy 17, South of Main Street (Hwy  
60) and Flamingo

### NOTABLE LOCATIONS:

- Azalea Gardens & Carver Village
- Savannah Court, Rohr Home, Bartow Center
- Jail Annex Facilities, Peace River CSU, County Offices
- County Extension Office, Agriculture Center
- Orange Plant (Peace River Citrus)
- Golf Course, Union Academy, Gibbons St. Elementary

## F

The Center of Bartow, North of Main Street  
(Hwy 60) to Van Fleet (Hwy 60 Bypass)

### NOTABLE LOCATIONS:

- Polk Historical Courthouse, Polk Courthouse, PCBC Offices
- Historical Church Street, Summerlin Oaks Apts.
- Publix Shopping Center & Lowes
- Dept. of Transportation Office
- PCSO Book-In/Jail Intake
- Bartow City Hall, Police & Fire Depts.