

# BARTOW POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Happy  
New Year*



Bryan S. Dorman  
Interim Chief of Police

*January 2021*

## Monthly Activity Report

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## ALPHA SQUAD

**Sergeant Luke Hauser**

**0630-1830**

**EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS:** Squad members completed required monthly online training.

### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS:

- ♦ **RATLIFF, Amanda:** Possession of Methamphetamine and Drug Paraphernalia.
- ♦ **MENDOZA, Carlos Pablo:** Hit and Run with Property Damage and Driving While License Suspended/Revoked.
- ♦ **KING, Robert E:** Possession of Methamphetamine, Xanax, and Drug Paraphernalia.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE/OTHER:

Alpha Squad was responsible for 10 arrests and 13 traffic Citations

## DELTA SQUAD

**Sergeant John Zorn**

**1830-0630**

**EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS:** Squad members completed required monthly online training. K-9 Ofc. Gonzalez conducted K-9 Training.

### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS:

- ♦ **LOVE, Keenon:** Poss/Cocaine and Drug Paraphernalia
- ♦ **YORDAN, Diana:** Battery on a LEO (Officer), Domestic Aggravated Assault with Weapon, Domestic Battery, Resist Ofc. With Force and Violation of Probation.
- ♦ **THORNTON, James, DRIVER, James, Garner, Heather, Kelley, Judy:** All for Poss/Meth and Drug Paraphernalia.
- ♦ **YEAGER, Ashley:** Poss/Meth and Drug Paraphernalia and Violation of Probation.
- ♦ **DURRETT, Ellen:** Domestic Aggravated Battery with Weapon.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE/OTHER:

Delta Squad was responsible for 20 arrests and issued 90 traffic Citations. Officers conducted heavy patrols in the area of Azalea Gardens and Carver Village, and focused on Business and Residential checks throughout the night.

## BRAVO SQUAD

**Sergeant John McKee**

**0630-1830**

**NEW MEMBERS:** Officer Roque completed Phase 2 of his Field Training.

**EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS:** Squad members completed required monthly online training.

### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS:

- ♦ **BAILEY, Loretta:** Driving with a Suspended License, in addition, she had six (6) active Warrants for Violation of Probation out of Sarasota County for the following offenses: Poss/Marijuana, Driving while License Suspended/Revoked Fraud, Petit Larceny 1st Degree.
- ♦ **SCHULTZ, Tyler:** Leaving the Scene of a Crash, Possession of Cocaine and Drug Paraphernalia.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE/OTHER:

Officer Agostino responded to an emergency call with an unconscious subject and used life saving techniques as a first responder. Ofc. Agostino received a commendation for his actions.

## CHARLIE SQUAD

**O.I.C. Jordan March**

**1830-0630**

**NEW MEMBERS:** Officer Franchetti was reassigned to Charlie Squad this month.

**EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS:** Squad members completed required monthly online training.

### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS:

- ♦ **WOLFE, Terry:** Aggravated Battery (Domestic Violence)
- ♦ **WOODS, Wanda:** DUI (Driving Under the Influence)
- ♦ **BERRY, Leslie:** DUI (Driving Under the Influence)
- ♦ **COLE, Crystal:** DUI, Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting Arrest, Fail to Submit to a DUI Test.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE/OTHER:

None to report





## DETECTIVE / INVESTIGATIONS CSI-EVIDENCE SECTION Sergeant William Stevens



BPD Crime Scene Technicians  
Kristina Hamer and Savannah Puls

### EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVMENTS:

Detectives completed the monthly training. Det. Lewis completed an online Fraud Investigations course. Sgt. Stevens, CSI Savannah Puls and Kristina Hamer completed "5 Languages of Appreciation" online class.

CSI Savannah Puls and Kristina Hamer have been participating in additional training with the Lakeland Police Department on Major Cases.

### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS:

- ♦ **MERRIT, Johnnie:** Det. Lewis obtained an Arrest Warrant for Written Threats to Do Harm.
- ♦ **WILSON, Andrew:** Sexual Battery arrested by Det. Strickland.

### OTHER ACTIVITY/INFORMATION:

Detectives are currently working 91 active felony cases.

## Community Services Team C.S.T.

*Most regularly scheduled community events, activities, parades and meetings have been canceled since March 2020 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.*

*Fortunately through social media posts, CST is able to update the community regarding crime trends, cyber warnings, and seek help from the public about potential suspects of certain crimes.*

*Thurs. Jan. 16, 2021 Patrol squad Alpha participated in a drive-by 80th birthday celebration for S.L. Frisbie.*

## Bartow Police Reserve Unit

The Bartow Police Reserve Officers must have completed Police Standards Training, successfully passed the State Officer Certification Examination and qualify with a firearm.

Reserve Officers work a variety of assignments including: working on a patrol squad when needed, parades, special events, or one of the many festivals throughout the year.

For more information on becoming a Reserve Officer, contact Captain Michelle Smith at [Msmith.pd@cityofbartow.net](mailto:Msmith.pd@cityofbartow.net)



Reserve Officer  
Sean Colburn



Reserve Officer Mike Butler

## Citizens on Patrol / C.O.P.

The Citizens on Patrol (COP) Program, consists of a group of citizens, who regularly patrol the City of Bartow in pairs during daylight hours, in a Citizens on Patrol marked Unit.

COP Volunteers, after training, patrol the city, especially in residential neighborhoods and shopping centers as a COP partner. The COP Unit provides the city with a more visible presence of law enforcement. The volunteers are trained to recognize and then report suspicious activity, and monitor the police radio and be alert should there be an emergency.

The COP volunteers routinely drive the COP vehicle and or the Police golf cart in parades, citywide events, and other activities.

If you are interested in becoming a COP Volunteer, please contact the Community Services Coordinator at (863) 534-5034 for more information.

### Bartow Police Volunteer Activity

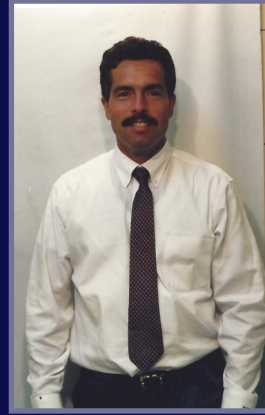
	JAN. HOURS	2021 TOTAL
Citizens on Patrol	19	19
Reserve Officers	8	8
Other Volunteers	1	1
TOTAL	28	28

## **LEGAL ADVISOR AND RESERVE OFFICER KIRK WARREN RETIRED THIS MONTH AFTER SERVING SEVERAL YEARS**

Kirk Warren, the long-time legal advisor for the Bartow Police Department retired from his position this month, and from private practice as well. In addition to serving as the Department's legal advisor, Kirk also served as a volunteer in the Police Reserve Officer Unit.

Kirk has been working with the Bartow Police Department since the mid-1990's.

We will miss him, but wish him the best in his retirement, and spending time at the beach.



## **BARTOW POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER IS NOW A CERTIFIED 9-1-1 PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER**

On Jan. 14, 2021, the Bartow Police Department's Communications Center was approved as a Certified 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunications Training Center. The 232-hour training program is now certified by the Florida Department of Health. Bartow Police Department will join the ranks of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and Lakeland Police Department as certified training centers.

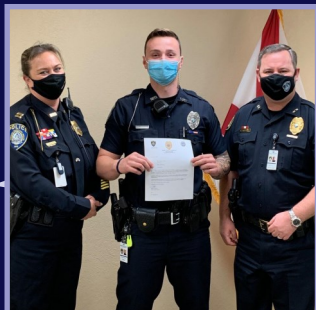
This is the first time Bartow Police Department's Communication Center has earned this achievement. The Department will be working closely with Bartow High School's Criminal Justice Academy to assist in training qualifying students who are interested in a career in law enforcement.

Communications Supervisor, Jane Casselman, and all of the dispatchers, worked tirelessly for several months and we want to publicly congratulate them for their effort and dedication in achieving this worthy goal.

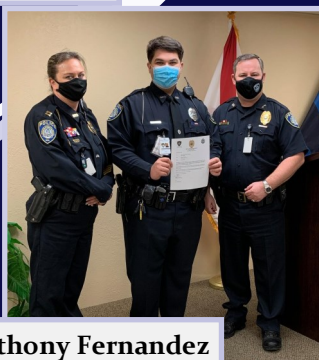


Communications Supervisor  
Jane Casselman

## Bartow Patrol Officers Vincent Agostino and Markanthony Fernandez Receive Commendation Awards



Officer Vincent Agostino



Officer Markanthony Fernandez

On Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 Interim Chief Dorman and Captain Smith presented commendations and award ribbons to Officers Markanthony Fernandez and Vincent Agostino for their quick actions while on duty.

Officer Agostino responded to a call for service reference a man unconscious lying in the front yard of a residence. Ofc. Agostino recognized that the man may have overdosed on narcotics and immediately used his agency issue Narcan to revive the man in order for EMS personnel to render medical aid. His quick actions helped the man regain consciousness and counteract the effects of the overdose. Great Job Officer Agostino!

Officer M. Fernandez responded to a residence where a subject was reported to be suicidal. Upon arrival to the residence, Officer M. Fernandez located the subject inside unconscious on the floor. It appeared to be an overdose of narcotics. Officer M. Fernandez did not hesitate to use his issued Narcan to quickly revive the subject, who was transported to the hospital for medical treatment. Great Job Officer M. Fernandez!

Both Officers' quick thinking and responses to the situations had positive impacts in the lives of two people in crisis. These are examples of police work at its finest.

## JANUARY 2021 PROPERTY CRIME STATISTICS

### PROPERTY CRIMES 2021 - 2017

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
JAN	7	16	10	18	27
FEB		14	19	11	15
MAR		16	8	35	15
APR		7	9	20	16
MAY		4	12	24	16
JUNE		13	11	7	24
JULY		9	20	26	20
AUG		16	21	24	39
SEPT		11	24	28	19
OCT		12	29	32	19
NOV		11	33	34	15
DEC		6	13	30	17
TOTAL		135	209	289	242

### TOTAL REPORTED BURGLARIES:

Residence: Home/Apartment/shed	4
Conveyance: Vehicle/Truck bed/Boat/Shed	3
Business: Commercial business/School/Church	0
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES FOR JAN. 2021</b>	<b>7</b>

In 100% of all Conveyance Burglaries, the vehicle was left unlocked.

50% of the Residences burglarized were secured.

72% of all Burglaries occurred within Zones/Beats B and F

*\* see Zone/Beat map on page 7*

One FIREARM was stolen from an unsecured vehicle this month.

**PLEASE** remember to LOCK your vehicle AND remove valuables at night, **ESPECIALLY FIREARMS.**

The Bartow Police Department reminds citizens nightly to practice the #9pmroutine. This campaign stresses the importance of locking, securing your home and vehicle each night, as well as turning on outside lights.



**A**

North of West Main St. (Hwy 60) to  
Van Fleet, West of Van Fleet to  
Broadway Ave. (Hwy 98)

**NOTABLE LOCATIONS WITHIN BEAT "A":**

- ◆ Polk St. Center, Gause Academy, Manor at West Bartow
- ◆ Stephens & Spessard Holland Elementary Schools
- ◆ Wind Meadows, Highland Lakes Estates, Richland Manor
- ◆ Saddlewood, Magnolia Walk, Griffins Green & Landing
- ◆ Holiday Inn Express Portions of Lyle Pkwy/EF Griffin

**B**

South of West Main St. West of  
Broadway Ave. Mostly Residential

**NOTABLE LOCATIONS WITHIN BEAT "B":**

- ◆ Square Lake Estates, Wildwood Cemetery
- ◆ Floral Ave. Elem., First Methodist School
- ◆ 555 Ballpark Facilities, Bartow Chevrolet,
- ◆ Thunder Chrysler Dodge, Laurel Meadows & the Villages
- ◆ Civic Center, Library, Polk School Bd Offices, Mosaic Pk
- ◆ Floral Lakes Mobile Home Community

**C**

South of Main St. East of Broadway Ave,  
West of Hwy 17. Mostly Residential

**NOTABLE LOCATIONS WITHIN BEAT "C":**

- ◆ Bartow Elementary Academy, Post Office
- ◆ Bartow Middle/High Schools, Mary Holland & Nye Jordan Pks
- ◆ Oak Hammock Mobile Home Pk
- ◆ Church Service Center
- ◆ Family Dollar Store

**D**

East of Hwy 98, North of Van Fleet Dr. and  
Hwy 60 Bypass.  
Primarily a Business District

**NOTABLE LOCATIONS WITHIN BEAT "D":**

- ◆ Bartow Ford & Ernest Smith Blvd, Racetrack, Ruby Tuesdays
- ◆ Old Bartow Eagle Lake Rd, The Meetinghouse
- ◆ James Pointe, Taylor Brooke Subdivisions
- ◆ Fountain Place Apt, Badcock, Tractor Supply, Aldi
- ◆ Walmart, Bear Creek Apts. The Hampton Inn

**E**

East of Hwy 17, South of East Main St and  
Flamingo Residential and Gov. Offices

**NOTABLE LOCATIONS WITHIN BEAT "E":**

- ◆ Azalea Gardens, Carver Village, Union Academy, Golf Course
- ◆ Savannah Court, Rohr Home, Bartow Center
- ◆ Jail Annex Facilities, Polk Health Dept, Peace River CSU
- ◆ County Extension Office/Livestock Pavilion
- ◆ Peace River Citrus Plant, George Harris Youth Center

**F**

North of Main St. (Hwy 60) to Van Fleet  
Drive (Hwy 60 Bypass) The center of town.

**NOTABLE LOCATIONS WITHIN BEAT "F":**

- ◆ Historical Courthouse, Polk Co. Courthouse, PCBC Offices
- ◆ Historical Church St, Summerlin Oaks Apts.
- ◆ Publix Shopping Center, Lowes, PCSO Book-In/Jail Intake
- ◆ Bartow City Hall, DOT Offices, Tax Collector
- ◆ Women's Care Center,

