# BARTOW POLICE DEPARTMENT



## March 2018

#### Joe Hall Chief of Police

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Gavin Parker, a student at Union Academy, delivered lunch for all on duty police and fire personnel. Lunch included spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, drinks and dessert. This was his 8<sup>th</sup> grade project.

#### **PATROL DIVISION** CAPTAIN HIRAM SAUNDERS, PATROL DIVISION COMMANDER

#### ALPHA SQUAD - SGT. WILLIAM STEVENS

#### NEW EMPLOYEES:

#### None

#### EDUCATION:

Officers completed monthly Police One and Police Law Institute Training online. Alpha also completed mandatory Use of Force, Taser and Unarmed Self Defense Class..

#### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS:

- BROWN, Adrian: Felony Battery
- HARLEE, Bruin: Burglary
- SMITH, Lawrence: Burglary

#### **OTHER:**

Alpha Squad continued to check in and visit various churches during Sunday morning services throughout the city. This practice has received positive response from church goers.

Officers further conducted heavy patrol in the area of Sugar Hill and Azalea Gardens in an attempt to reduce calls for service in those areas.

Officers conducted heavy traffic enforcement in the area of Hwy 98, Earnest Smith Blvd, Lyle Pkwy, Hwy 17, and Hwy 60 near the City's Solid Waste Dept.

Alpha Squad is responsible for 19 arrests and issued 116 citations this month.



Detective Cody Vaughn (left) and Sergeant Gerad Hunt (right) conducted a mandatory Use of Force and Defensive Tactics course this month.

#### BRAVO SQUAD - SGT. MICHELLE SMITH

#### EDUCATION:

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

Ofc. Anderson began K9 training school with our recently purchased new K9 (Falco).

#### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS:

- STEADMAN, Eddie: Leaving the scene of a Crash w/Injuries
- WRIGHT, Walter: False Imprisonment/Domestic Violence

#### OTHER:

Bravo Squad is responsible for the following:

17 Arrests, and 128 Traffic Citations.

Members of Bravo Squad have been conducting directed traffic enforcement throughout the city based on citizen complaints.

#### CHARLIE SQUAD - SGT. GERAD HUNT

#### EDUCATION:

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

Members of Charlie Squad completed Taser, Defensive Tactics and Use of Force Mandatory Training.

#### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS:

- SAULINO, Meghan Rosalie: Poss. of Xanax, Poss. of Cocaine and Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia.
- DRAYTON, Jeffery Keith: Poss. of Cocaine, Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia
- BRAKER, Josephine Elizabeth: Poss. Of Cannabis, Poss. Of Cocaine, and Poss. Of Drug Paraphernalia.
- BOSTICK, Canelius: :Leaving the Scene of a Traffic Crash involving Injuries and Driving w/o a valid Drivers License.

#### **OTHER**:

Charlie Squad members continue to patrol in the area of Sugar Hill and Azalea Gardens. Due to recent burglaries, special attention was directed in the area of Cherokee and Flamingo. Charlie Squad issued a total of 33 Citations this month.

#### DELTA SQUAD - SGT. CARL SMITH

#### NEW EMPLOYEES:

#### N/A

EDUCATION:

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

All Officers also completed Use of Force, and Defensive Actions Training.

#### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS:

- BALANCE, Kelly: Possession Methamphetamine, Possession of Paraphernalia.
- WILLIS, Derrek: Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Paraphernalia.
- BREWER, Marvin: Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Paraphernalia.
- COLLINS, Emily: Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Paraphernalia.
- HERNANDEZ, Gillen: Leaving the Scene of an Accident with injuries.
- WIGGINS, Diana: Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Paraphernalia.
- CHANEY, Michael: Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Cannabis and Paraphernalia.
- RASMUSSEN, Matthew: Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Paraphernalia.
- MENDEZ, Javier: Battery of Law Enforcement Officer
- HARRISTON, Cristoming: Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Possession of Methamphetamine with the intent to Sell.

#### OTHER:

Delta Squad assisted HIDTA Detectives in an undercover operation with resulted in an arrest and three (3) ounces of methamphetamine being seized.

On Thursday, March 29 Delta Squad assisted Florida Insurance Commission Detectives with a Fraudulent Insurance Card Citywide Operation.

Delta Squad is responsible for the following: 23 Arrests and 28 Citations.

#### DETECTIVE BUREAU

#### Sgt. Eric Sherouse

#### EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Detectives completed monthly Police Law online training, and mandatory Taser Re-certification and Use of Force Training

#### SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS/INVESTIGATIONS:

- GEORGE, Camden: Burglary of a Structure, Burglary of a Conveyance, Grand Theft and Criminal Mischief.
- WILCOX, Terry: Sexual Battery of a Child Under 12 Years of Age, Lewd Molestation.
- FERNANDEZ, Veronica & ROSS, Dale Roger: The pair were responsible for preying on victims who suffered damage due to hurricane Irma. This case included many victims crossing several jurisdictions. Each was charged with Grand Theft, and Contracting without a License during a State of Emergency.
- YOUNG, Eric Mandel: Child Abuse. Young was employed by the Polk Halfway House as a detention employee. The victim in this case was a juvenile committed to the facility.
- Det. Stokes investigated a rash of vehicle burglaries that occurred in the Laurel Glen area. Subsequently, arrested were WARD, Jacquell, JACKSON, Gara, THOMPSON, Malachi, these three charged with four (4) counts of Burglary and Petit Theft. In addition, Det. Stokes arrested MANNS, Jamari with four (4) counts of Burglary, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary, Grand Theft, and Loitering/Prowling. MANNNS was also arrested by Det. Zorn on the charge of Armed Burglary of a Residence and Grand Theft.

#### OTHER:

Detectives are currently working 91 active felony investigations.

#### C.S.T. COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM

#### C.S.T. (COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM) Officer Randy Tagliarini Lyn Bryan, CST Coordinator

#### **EDUCATION:**

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Police Law and PoliceOne monthly training.

Honor Guard attended multi-agency Honor Guard monthly training

Reserve Officer Butler attended General Instructor Techniques

Officers completed Defensive Tactics and Use of Force Training

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE/OTHER:

- 03/06 attended the Monthly Chief's Chat at Urban Oak.
- ♦ 03/14 attended Just Say No Meeting held at the Bartow Chamber of Commerce.
- ◆ 03/14 attended Monthly EPAC Meeting 5:30 PM at Carver Rec. Center. Finalizing plans for Annual Parent Youth Summit.

- County Traffic Safety Team Meeting in Winter Haven.
- Conducted a speed study and traffic analysis on Magnolia and 3rd Avenue
- Attended the Polk Vision Pedestrian Bicycle meeting at the County Administration Building.
- 03/29 CST participated in a county-wide Traffic Enforcement Insurance Card Fraud Operation. Over 15 citations were issued for speed and other traffic violations.
- Plans for the 2018 Citizens Police Academy were put into motion; the nine (9) week course will begin on Tuesday, April 3rd. There are sixteen participants enrolled.

#### COMMUNICATIONS SECTION-MARCH 2018

#### Report Submitted by: Jane Casselman, Supervisor

All Communications personnel have completed their monthly training via Police One. On March 1st Communications supervisor Jane Casselman and Operator Jennifer Modzelewski attended the Criminal Justice Information Services Mid-Winter Meeting held in Tampa at FEDLE. Jane Casselman also attended the Local Agency Security Seminar at FDLE on March 6th.

911 Calls for Service 757	Police Calls for Service 2,053
Fire Calls for Service 303	Electric Dept. After Hours Call-Outs 24
blic Works After Hours Call-Outs 16	Fleet Maintenance After Hours Call-Outs

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Alpha	Squad Officer David Bilbrey & Brody					
03/09	730 Oak Lawn Drive, South	Exterior Check/Patrol Deployed				
03/09	2055 S. Floral Ave.	Exterior Check/Patrol Deployed				
09/09	1040 M. Hwy 17	Exterior Check/Patrol Deployed				
03/10	Bartow Elementary School	Exterior Check/Patrol Deployed				
03/14	Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church	Exterior Check/Patrol Deployed				
03/25	Bartow Youth Academy Bob Philips Rd.	Patrol Deployed/Arrest				
03/25	Nye Jordan Park	Demonstration				
Charlie Squad Officer Arturo Gonzalez & Rico						
03/12	1525 Centennial Blvd.	Business Interior Search/Patrol Deployed ref. Alarm				
03/16	Flamingo Dr/Edgewood Ave.	Back-up During Traffic Stop, Search Vehicle Exterior				
03/26	1050 S. Golfview Ave. #1108/1170 MLK Blvd.	Attempt to locate Subject with Active Warrant				
03/26	965 Hwy 60 E. PCSB Warehouse	Business Interior Search, Patrol Deployed				

#### MARCH 2018 VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

The COP Volunteers patrol in pairs, throughout the city during the daylight hours. In addition to patrolling, the volunteers look out for and report suspicious activity. They assist the Crime Prevention Practitioner with many Crime Prevention Programs, and the CST Unit in many public events and several parades throughout the year.

If you are interested in one of the Volunteer Programs, please call:

Community Services Coordinator Lyn Bryan (863) 534-5034 or email <u>Ibryan.pd@cityofbartow.net</u>

VOLUNTEER HOURS LOGGED THIS MONTH				
Citizens on Patrol (COP)	41.00			
Reserve Officer Unit	38.50			
TOTAL HOURS THIS MONTH	<u>79.50</u>			
Total Volunteer Hours for 2018	272.25			

Newest Reserve Officer is retired Sgt. Paul O'Dell.

This month all sworn personnel and sworn volunteers participated in mandatory Use of Force and Defensive Tactics Training.



Use of Force and Defensive Tactics

#### WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BARTOW POLICE DEPARTMENT?



Sgt. Gerad Hunt and Officer Cody Vaughn led sworn personnel in a mandatory Use of Force and Defensive Tactics Class. The training was a day long event with half of the time spent inside reading and getting instruction.

After lunch the real fun began! All Sworn Officers, including Detectives and Reserve Officers were able to try new maneuvers and tactics.

## <u>Relay for Lífe</u>

During the two training days, Linda Waligorski cooked and sold spaghetti dinners with proceeds going to Relay for Life.

The Police Department has a Relay Team and will participate in the Relay for Life Event to be held on April 27, 2018.

It was a very successful venture!



### Officer Arturo Gonzalez & Rico Compete in USPCA Trials

Officer Arturo Gonzalez and his K-9 partner Rico competed earlier this month in *Region 1 USPCA Patrol and Detector Trials* hosted by Escambia County Sheriffs Office. A total of 44 K-9 teams participated in the annual competition. Officer Gonzalez and Rico placed 2nd in Suspect Apprehension, 4th in Evidence Searching, and 6th place in Narcotic Searches. 12th Overall for the Region, , 4th place in Evidence & Suspect Search, 6th place in Narcotic Search.

In a 2-Man Interdepartmental Competition, Officer Gonzalez and K-9 Rico paired up with Officer Tony Lopez and K-9 Wil from Lake Alfred Police Department. The team placed 2nd in Patrol Operations and 3rd in Narcotics Competition.

We are very proud of Officer Gonzalez and K9 Rico. Great job representing the City of Bartow!



### MARCH 2018 PROPERTY CRIME STATISTICS

TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES -35 PROPERTY CRIME TYPES RESIDENTIAL / CONVEYANCE / BUSINESS		TIME OF OCCURRENCE			TYPE OF ENTRY		
		NIGHT	UNK	FORCED	NO FORCE	UNK	
TOTAL: 7 RESIDENTIAL: Includes Single family homes, Apart- ments, Mobile Homes, Carport, Storage Sheds	71%	14%	14%	57%	43%	0%	
TOTAL - 22 CONVEYANCE: Includes All Vehicles, Boats, and Trailers	5%	82%	14%	14%	86%	0%	
<b>TOTAL: 6</b> <b>BUSINESS:</b> Includes Businesses, Churches, Storage Fa- cilities, and Schools	0%	50%	50%	83%	0%	17%	

TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES 2018-2013							
MONTH	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	
JAN	18	27	16	21	31	27	
FEB	11	15	15	24	21	32	
MAR	35	15	22	29	42	31	
APR		16	47	33	47	39	
MAY		16	42	26	25	32	
JUNE		24	33	21	29	34	
JULY		20	21	17	22	31	
AUG		39	24	18	36	27	
SEPT		19	23	23	34	35	
ОСТ		19	26	27	40	39	
NOV		15	23	33	25	40	
DEC		17	17	37	25	42	
TOTAL		242	309	309	377	409	

- Unfortunately the number of burglaries for March was up by 173%. However, the total of property crimes are up only 10% when compared to this time last year.
- 71% of Residential burglaries occurred during daylight hours, while 82% of vehicles burglaries occurred at night.
- 82% of vehicles burglarized were left unlocked.
- In 63% of all burglary cases the home, business, vehicle or structure was left unsecured.
- 78% of all burglaries this month occurred North of Hwy 60/Main Street, in beats A, D, and F.

## **Does Neighborhood Watch Work?**

YES! In recent burglary cases, suspects were apprehended by the police as a direct result of neighbors who called the police to report suspicious activity in their neighborhood. In most cases, the victims recovered all of their stolen property!

**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

For information on how to start a Crime Watch Group in your neighborhood, contact:

Crime Prevention Practitioner, Lyn Bryan at 863–534–5034 or email lbryan.pd@cityofbartow.net



## City of Bartow (26) Beat Map



#### 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

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#### South of Main Street, West of Broadway Ave.

#### NOTABLE LOCATIONS:

- Square Lake Estates, 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

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

#### NOTABLE LOCATIONS:

- Polk Street Center, Gause Academy
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### Eas

#### 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.

## 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

#### 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.

