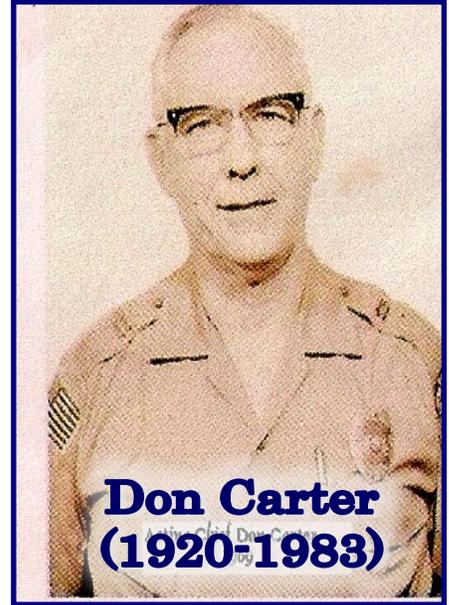


## Don Carter, Interim Chief of Police 1969 -1970

Captain Don Carter, Records Captain, was chosen by City Manger Richard Barton to take over the responsibilities of Chief of Police after the sudden resignation of Chief Lewis Cromartie in 1969.

Carter began his career at Bartow Police Department in 1959 as a dispatcher and clerk duties, He was 49 years old when he was selected to be the Interim Chief of Police.

During Carter's interim period, James Erwin, former Chief at Boynton Beach and Titusville, had been selected for the position of Bartow Chief of Police, however, Erwin he changed his mind and accepted another position out of state.



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### **Bartow Officer To Aid Victim**

BARTOW — Bartow Police Chief John Cunningham has appointed Capt. Donald G. Carter to be the department's "victim assistance officer."

One of Carter's primary responsibilities will be to encourage the courts to require offenders to repay their victims for any losses due to the commission of the crime.

Carter will also assist victims and witnesses in scheduling problems and keep them informed on the status of a case.

Cunningham said the new program is in keeping with the concept proposed by the Polk County Criminal Justice Task Force's committee on victims' rights.

He serves on the committee.

In light of those some recent events at the Department, and at the request of city businessmen, City Manager Richard Barton ordered former Miami Police Lieutenant Jay Golden to perform a study project to re-evaluate the Police Department and then issue a critique.

In May 1970, Captain Carter was able to return to his duties as Captain after City Manger Barton selected C.T. Clark as the new Chief of Police.

In 1979, Carter was awarded Spirt of Bartow Award.

Carter passed away on July 21, 1983 at the age of 62.

