

Interim Chief of Police

Captain David Brooks

July 2008-July 2009

Member of Bartow Police Department 1977-2012

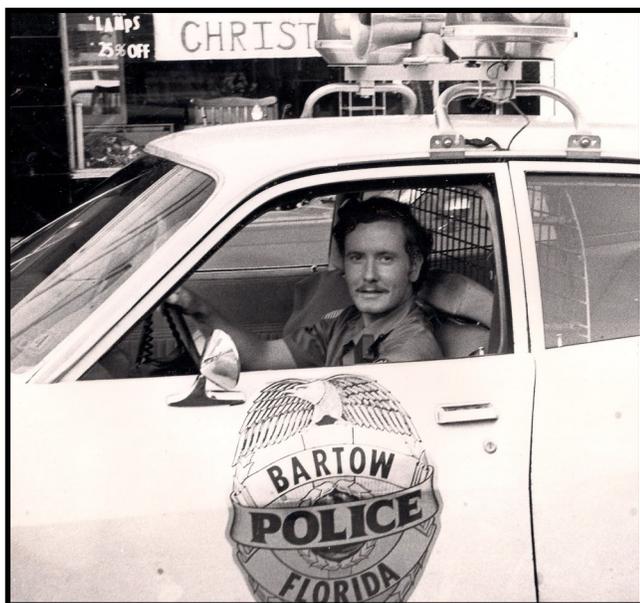
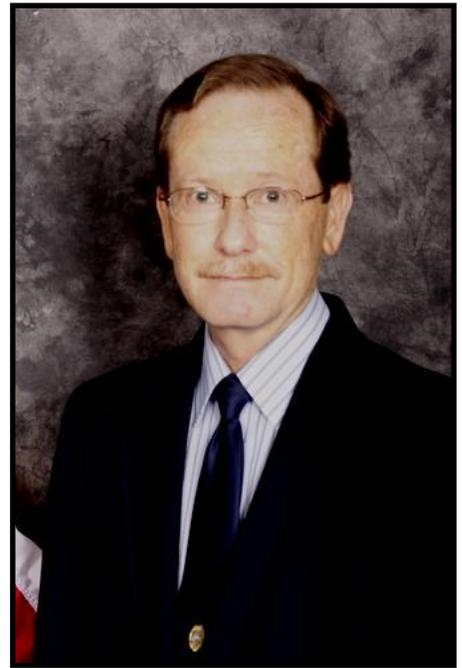
Captain David Brooks was appointed Interim Chief of Police in July 2008 by city manager George Long, replacing Polk County Sheriff's Captain Larry Williams, who had been named Director of Law Enforcement in July 2007.

In July 2008, Bartow City Commission voted 3-5 against a proposal from Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd to assume law enforcement services within the city, which would have disbanded the city's police force.

When a permanent Police Chief was hired in 2009, replacing Captain Brooks, the department held a party in his honor. When asked about his time as Interim Chief, Captain Brooks, a humble man by nature joked, *"I remember my very first day 32 years ago, sitting in the lobby waiting for someone to come get me. I would have laughed my head off if you'd told me that I'd ever be chief of police."*

For most of his career in law enforcement, Captain Brooks worked in the Crime Scene and Evidence Section, working his way up from patrol, detective, sergeant, and eventually a Captain.

In addition, Captain Brooks was a fingerprint expert witness.



Patrol Officer Brooks 1970's

Captain Brooks retired in Dec. 2012 after serving the city for 35 years.

