

Chief of Police Marvin Pittman 1971-1975

Chief Pittman was hired in 1970 by Chief of Police C.T. Clark to be the new Training Officer. A 32 year old Pittman was graduate of Castle Heights Military Academy in Tenn. He had received training at the Dade County Police Academy, Northwestern Traffic Accident Investigation Institute, U.S Navy Techniques for under Water Recovery, and specialized courses in homicide, police management, juvenile delinquency control.

Pittman had been in law enforcement for eleven years when he began his position at Bartow P.D. He was promoted to Chief of Police in 1971 when Chief Clark was selected to be the City Manager.

In 1975, after Pittman declared his candidacy for Polk County Sheriff, City Manager Ralph Bowers fired him. In addition, Pittman had publicly criticized City Manager Bowers for administrative decisions relating to the police department.

Pittman ran for Sheriff again against incumbent Monroe Brannen in 1976 and again in 1984 against Incumbent Louis Mims and lost again both races. In 1985 Pittman went to work at PCSO, working through the ranks and retired as a Major in 2003.

Since his retirement in 2003, Pittman continues to serve with PCSO as a Chaplain

