

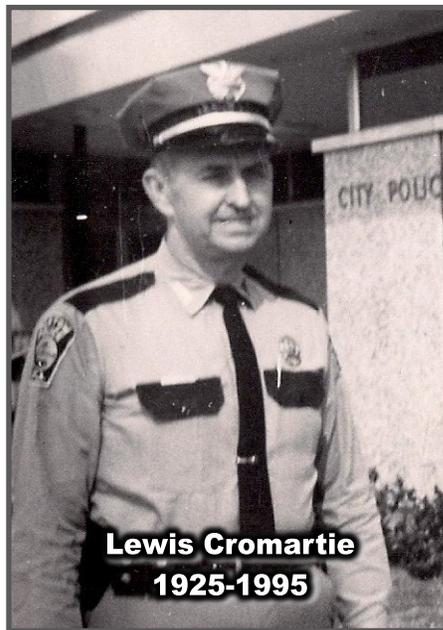
Chief of Police Lewis Cromartie 1962-1969

Chief Cromartie was 36 years old when he was appointed Chief of Police on Nov. 4, 1962. He replaced the Interim Chief Ellie T. Wilson.

Cromartie was a graduate of Haines City High School, and served in the Navy during WWII. He worked with the Florida Highway Patrol, the Polk County Sheriffs Office, and Winter Haven Police Department.

During his tenure at Winter Haven Police Dept. Cromartie was in charge of the Traffic Division.

In Nov. 1966, under Chief Cromartie's leadership, the Police Department moved into its newly built, state-of-the-art modern headquarters, located at 450 N. Broadway Ave.



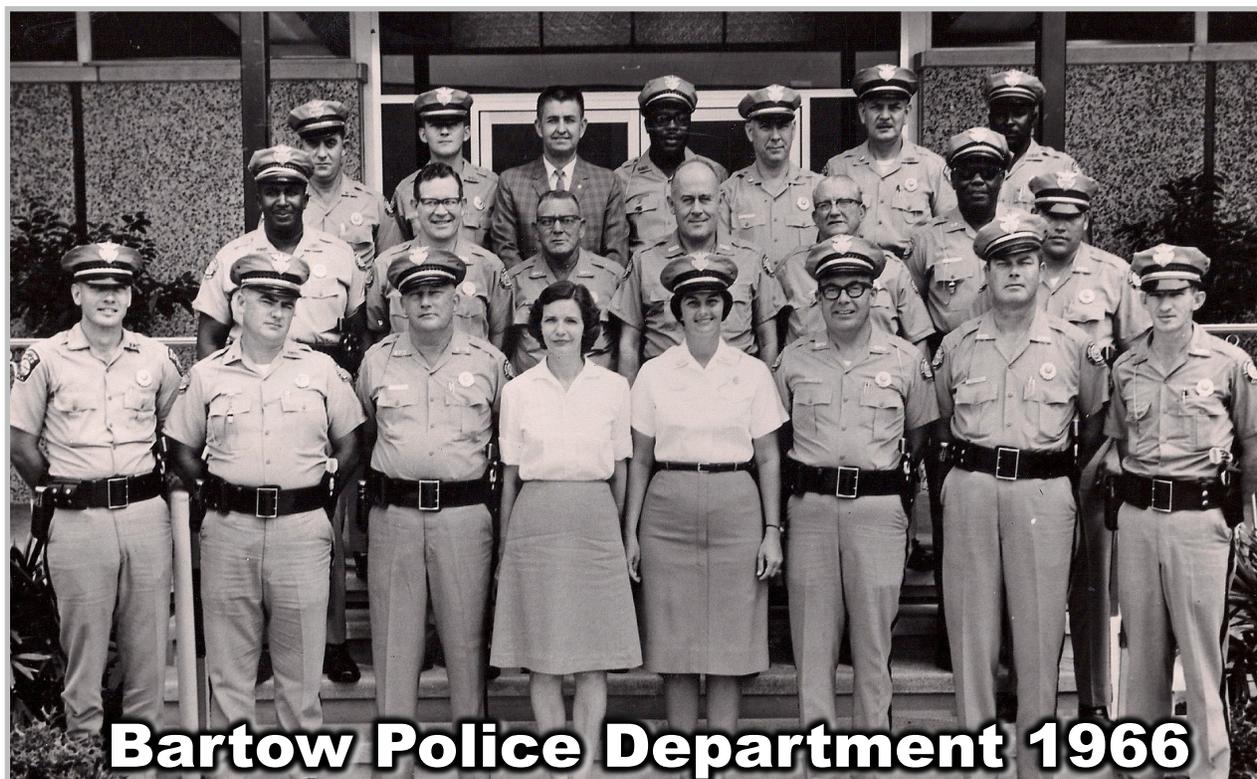
**Lewis Cromartie
1925-1995**



The new facility would house both the Police and Fire Departments. The city hosted a two day open house to show-off the new building.

Chief Cromartie resigned in September 1969 and went to work for the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Chief Cromartie continued to live in Bartow until his death in 1995 at the age of 69.



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