

Joe Hall, Chief of Police 2009-2020

When Chief Hall came to Bartow Police Department from Panama City in July 2009, the Bartow Police Department had been without a Police Chief since July 2007.

Chief Hall began his law enforcement career with the Callaway Police Department and the Bay County Sheriff's Office before going to Panama City Police Department.

During his tenure at Panama City PD, Chief Hall worked as a patrol officer, working his way through the ranks of investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Commander and then becoming Deputy Chief in 2004.

After coming to Bartow in 2009, Chief Hall became very active within the City of Bartow and the community.



He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class 15, he served as Chairman of American Cancer Society's Relay for Life twice, and was an active member of Rotary Club.

Chief Hall was presented with the Spirit of Bartow award in 2012 and the 2016 CC Corbett Diversity Award. He was responsible for creating the Citizens on Patrol Volunteer group in 2011, the Community Services Team (CST) in 2012, the Citizens Police Academy Program in 2010, and creating the first ever Bartow Police Department Strategic Plan.

Chief Hall's major goal when he started his career as Chief in Bartow was to guide the department toward becoming an accredited agency through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. He worked diligently for several years on the accreditation process, which finally came to fruition in late 2020.

Chief Hall retired from the Bartow Police Department in May 2020 and returned to his much loved hometown of Panama City.



In 2016, winning the C.C. Corbett Diversity Award, with Ken Riley