

Guy Bostick, Chief of Police 1946-1948

Guy Bostick was appointed Bartow Police Chief in 1946, replacing Chief Weldon Stephens, who had been chief for several years. Bostick, was the youngest of 11 children when his family moved to Springhead, a small community near Mulberry, where his first job was picking strawberries.

Bostick served in the Navy Seabees during WWII and after being medically discharged, he went to work for the Palatka

Police Department and later the Florida Highway Patrol, stationed in Ocala.



Guy Bostick Named Bartow Police Chief

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Bartow, Feb. 27.—Guy Bostick, 26, of the Bartow district Florida Highway Patrol, has been appointed as Bartow chief of police to succeed Chief Weldon Stephens, whose resignation was accepted by the city commission Friday.

Patrolman Bostick, who will assume his duties as chief on March 15, was a member of the Palatka police department for two years, and joined the state patrol three years ago being stationed at Ocala for one year before being assigned to the Bartow district.

Chief Stephens, who has been on the city department since 1928 and has served as chief since 1938, has accepted a position with the Alturas-Garfield Citrus Cooperative.

At the young age of 26, Bostick was appointed Bartow Police Chief on February 27, 1945.

Bostick left law enforcement in 1951, selling the family car to buy a truck and start a small trucking company. Eventually, Comcar Industries, Inc. grew into one of the largest in the nation with over 3,000 trucks.

Bostick was a self-made man whose focus in life was hard work, according to colleagues and friends. He is one of the greatest entrepreneurs Florida has ever known.

Bostic passed away at this home in Winter Haven on August 28, 2015 at the age of 94.



Guy Bostick (1920-2015)