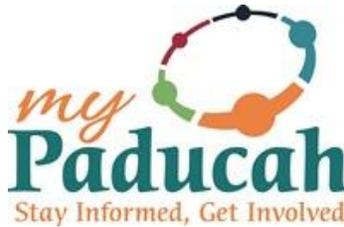


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New Episode of *Your City at Work* on Government Channel 11 Features the Fire Prevention Division



PADUCAH, KY—“It was an opportunity to look for changes to make that department more efficient,” says Paducah Fire Chief Steve Kyle.

In this episode of *Your City at Work*, Chief Kyle talks about the merger of the former City of Paducah Inspection Department with the Fire Department and the creation of the Fire Prevention Division located on the first floor of City Hall. The merger occurred in 2012, and since then, staff has worked to improve customer service and operational efficiencies.

Chief Kyle says, “The Fire Department already had familiarity with the Inspection Department. The Fire Department had a code division, conducted inspections, and interacted with customers. We really thought it would be a good opportunity for the two departments to come together and be more efficient in the delivery of the services they provide.” Chief Kyle explains how the efficiencies are leading to faster plan review times.

To help viewers understand the responsibilities of the Fire Prevention Division, Chief Kyle discusses the origins of the fire, building, and electrical codes, how they are interrelated, and how they benefit the community. “The code is a benefit to you. It protects you from some liability because you are building your building to a standard that is recognized,” says Chief Kyle.

Chief Kyle also explains the different factors that may trigger the need for a permit including a change in square footage and/or type of occupancy. He also discusses accessibility and the thresholds for fire protection.

Chief Kyle stresses the need for open communication and for Fire Prevention to be engaged early in a renovation or construction project. “We understand the economic process. We want to be a partner to it, not a handicap to it. We know that it is very important to our community to have development,” adds Chief Kyle. “Don’t be scared to ask a question or to challenge us or ask for alternatives. Part of our job is to help you understand why you have to do something.”

Also in this episode, learn about the annual conference for fire, building, and electrical professionals hosted by the Fire Department.

Your City at Work can be seen on Government 11, the governmental access channel of the City of Paducah. The episode can be viewed on Government 11 starting Friday, December 19 at 10 a.m. It also

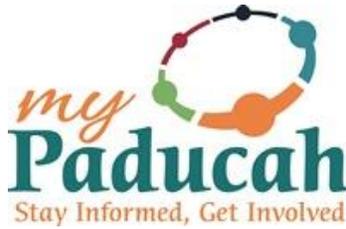


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airs Saturday at 4 p.m. and Monday at 9:30 a.m. The episode also is online at www.paducahky.gov and the various social media outlets for the City of Paducah including Youtube and Facebook. Check the website for program information, videos, news releases, and broadcast schedules.

Your City at Work is hosted and produced by Public Information Officer Pam Spencer through the television production facilities at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. For more information about *Your City at Work* or other Government 11 programming, call WKCTC Television Production Coordinator Tom Butler at 270-534-3208 or Pam Spencer at 270-444-8669.

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