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New *City Profile* Episode Features Police Chief Brandon Barnhill

PADUCAH, KY—"I love the atmosphere. I love the job. I love the aspect of serving the community and being able to provide and give back. It seemed to be a natural fit for me," says Paducah Police Chief Brandon Barnhill. In this episode of *City Profile*, Tom Butler, West Kentucky Community & Technical College Television Production Coordinator, interviews Chief Barnhill about his recent promotion to chief of the Paducah Police Department.

The episode begins with Chief Barnhill providing his background and what led him to begin a career in law enforcement. He also discusses his recent promotion from assistant chief to chief. Regarding his philosophy, Chief Barnhill says, "I feel it's my position to be in the community, to be attentive to the community's needs, to listen to the vibe coming from the community."

Chief Barnhill provides an overview of the Paducah Police Department from its number of sworn officers to its budget and training hours. He also discusses the technological challenges police officers face. "Technology is really changing law enforcement specifically the capability of the officer in the field and how much data they can have in a split second in their hands." Also in the episode, viewers will learn about data-driven policing and how the Paducah Police Department uses statistics and information in patrolling and crime prevention.

The Paducah Police Department also has several specialized assignments including the Bomb Squad, SWAT Team, and K9 Units. Chief Barnhill discusses these specialized areas and their associated equipment. "If you've got a toolbox, they may be tools in the bottom that hopefully you never use. Unfortunately in today's society, you've almost got to have some of these avenues to address things that come up."

At the end of the episode, Chief Barnhill talks about one of his next challenges: recruiting officers. Barnhill says approximately 12 officers and supervisors are eligible to retire within the next two years.



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City Profile can be viewed on Government 11, the governmental access channel of the City of Paducah, on Wednesday, March 5 at 8:30 p.m. It also airs this week on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and Friday at 8:30 p.m. View daily program information by watching the informational slides airing on the Channel 11 bulletin board. 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.

City Profile is produced for the City of Paducah through the television production facilities at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. For more information about *City Profile* or other Government 11 programming, call Tom Butler at 534-3208 or Paducah Public Information Officer Pam Spencer at 444-8669.

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