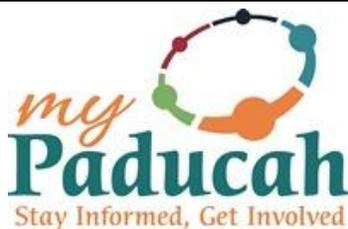


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## **Paducah Police Chief Brandon Barnhill Talks about Body Worn Cameras on Latest Episode of *Your City at Work***

PADUCAH, KY— On the latest episode of *Your City at Work*, Public Information Officer Pam Spencer interviews Paducah Police Chief Brandon Barnhill about body worn cameras. The new episode of *Your City at Work* can be seen on Government 11 starting Monday, October 19 at 9:30 p.m. It also airs next Thursday, October 22 at 9 a.m. and Saturday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m.



In September, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of 65 body worn camera units from Taser International for the Paducah Police Department. Chief Barnhill says, “We need to be transparent with the community. We realize transparency within our nation now is more critical than ever. This is just another step to provide that transparency by allowing officers to wear body cameras.”

Over the past several months, the Paducah Police Department has been testing and reviewing body worn cameras to answer questions about camera durability, capabilities, and lifespan and technology concerns such as file storage, retrieval, and retention. Chief Barnhill says, “It’s a large financial commitment to the agency that is not supported by federal dollars for the most part. So the burden relies on our community to support our decision and to make sure we are buying something that is of quality, that’s going to produce a product we can use.”

In this episode, Chief Barnhill explains the pros and cons of the technology. He also outlines the situations in which officers would be required to use the cameras and how the video will be used as a training tool. Chief Barnhill says, “We are going to use the video internally to review how the officer can better improve their safety and their interaction with the community. We are going to use it in a positive manner.”

In addition to airing on Government 11, the episode also is online at [www.paducahky.gov](http://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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