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Worthington Division of Police Implements Body-Worn Camera Program

In another positive step toward strengthening relationships with those we serve, the Worthington Division of Police is implementing a new body-worn camera program. Like other police agencies across the country, the Division is equipping its uniformed officers with body-worn cameras as a tool to increase accountability, strengthen trust and relationships with members of the community and provide accurate information about police interactions. Officers will begin wearing the new body camera equipment the week of July 5, 2022.

After careful development of Worthington's policies and standards, Worthington City Council approved funding for the equipment and related technology in 2021. All officers have been trained in their use and people will begin seeing body cameras worn in the upper chest area of every officer's uniform. They will be turned on whenever the officer is engaged in any law enforcement-related activity.

"The Worthington Division of Police is committed to serving our community with pride and professionalism," said Worthington Police Chief Robert Ware. "As part of this commitment, we recognize body-worn cameras are an effective law enforcement tool that improves community relations, provides an added layer of transparency and captures factual representations of officer-citizen interactions."

The primary benefits of body-worn cameras are to:

- Strengthen community trust and relationships.
- Promote transparency with the public.
- Promote officer safety while safeguarding the rights and privacy of community members.
- Improve the quality of evidence in investigations and criminal prosecutions.
- Improve training and performance.
- Provide accurate information about police interactions.

Find more information, including answers to frequently asked questions and policy documents at worthington.org/bodycams