

2017 Accomplishments for City of Paducah

- Initiated discussion of Next Neighborhood Revitalization and reviewed recommendations by URCD
- Launched first-ever Paducah Citizens' Academy with graduation June 13
- Selected criteria for ranking capital projects and prepared ranking for 20 capital improvement projects
- Approved 3-year contracts with FOP and IAFF (approved February 28)
- Approved contract with Strand Associates for Comprehensive Storm Water Master Plan (approved March 14)—held two public meetings and determined 23 problem areas
- Completed Phase II of the Noble Park Lake Bank Stabilization Project (bid with YEC approved February 28 with project completed in summer)
- Received in April the 26th annual GFOA award for CAFR (includes city audit)
- Amended ordinance to expand locations for food trucks (approved May 9)
- Coke Plant received Ida Lee Willis Memorial Foundation Historic Preservation Award (application submitted by City)
- Completed the construction and opened Paducah Transient Boat Dock. Received Marinas.com Boaters' Choice Award in December
- Authorized Architectural & Engineering Service Agreement for Phase I City Hall (approved April 25) and project bids opened November 30
- Bids accepted for 911 project for CAD, bids advertised for Logging Recorder System
- Authorized Partnership Agreement for Floodwall project with Corps of Engineers (approved May 9)---- July 5 news conference with Sen. Mitch McConnell directing more than \$19 million for floodwall repairs and upgrades.
- Launched single-stream curbside recycling program development
- Received in August \$1 million Community Development Block Grant for Floodwall Pump Station #2 Rehabilitation
- Phase I of Pat & Jim Brockenborough Rotary Health Park completed with ribbon cutting August 1—City received \$500,000 donation for Phase II by Mrs. Pat Brockenborough—Received KLC Enterprise Cities Award for Park
- Ordered restroom/shelter for Noble Park tennis courts and initiated reconstruction of courts (accepted Central Paving reconstruction bid October 10)
- Design and planning underway for Pocket Park at 432 Broadway
- Successful day for August 21 total solar eclipse
- Launched recodification of Code of Ordinances (approved June 13)
- Hired Planning Director Tammara Tracy (started working August 17)
- Successful UNESCO Creative Cities Meeting in Paducah
- Successful first-ever Fall AQS QuiltWeek
- Paducah received Voice of the People Award for Transformation in Recreation & Wellness based on Citizen Survey results
- No change to health insurance premiums for employees—embracing wellness
- Maintained property tax rate of 25.5 cents per \$100 assessed value (approved September 26)
- Amended Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance to permit sale on Sundays for all license types (approved September 26)

- Lyft (ridesharing service) began in Paducah in September
- Opening of Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront with Police Chiefs Conference as first big event, grand opening celebration was August 31
- City Hall listed to National Register of Historic Places (July 2017)
- Partnership resolution between City and 101st Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade (approved November 14)
- Initiated traffic study for portions of Buckner Lane including Pecan-Buckner intersection
- Changes to Paducah Human Rights Commission ordinance to expand discrimination protection areas
- The Enterprise Resource Planning Software Team successfully implemented Phase I of the software project with a go-live date of July 2017. This phase provided the internal foundation pieces of purchasing, budget, and accounting. The team is busy working on Phase 2 for the revenue components of business license and payroll tax with a go-live date of April 2018. The Citizen Self-Service Portal also is incorporated into Phase II.

2017 Accomplishments for Paducah Police Department

- As of December 1, we have responded to just over 23,000 calls for assistance, and we initiated another 34,000 contacts
- As of December 1, we have made 2,148 arrests, and we only used physical force above normal handcuffing in 42 cases-- or about 1.9% of all arrest encounters
- As of December 1, we have taken over 3,000 criminal complaints
- As of December 1, we have worked over 1,500 traffic collisions
- We spent over 5,000 hours in public housing, low-rent apartment complexes, and extended-stay hotels that serve a population group who is statistically considered to be homeless
- We spent over 2,000 hours in our schools, engaging students through non-enforcement activities
- We delivered the DARE program to 320 5th grade students from St Mary, Morgan, McNabb and Clark Elementary schools
- We conducted Internet safety education programs at local churches and schools, reaching over 500 students and parents
- We conducted texting and driving education programs at McCracken County High School, Livingston County High School, Big River Electric, Swift & Staley, and Shawnee Community College, reaching nearly 1,000 students and adults
- We participated in a Senior Citizens' Safety Fair, Farmer's Daughter Community Day, Heroes' Meet and Greet, Easter Seals Center Informational Seminars, the Safety Squad with Paducah Fire and Paducah Power, and a career day with both the Reidland Intermediate School and McCracken County High School
- We participated in a meet and greet at Harrison Street Baptist Church, providing an overview of things to consider if stopped by the police and an overview of community specific activities being conducted by the department
- We helped host the Paducah Housing Authority's Community Fun Day—reaching 300 Housing residents.
- We hosted two *Coffee With a Cop* events where community residents share their concerns with officers over coffee

- We worked with Paducah's homeless community in a fair and balanced way, helping connect them to other community resources, but also taking the time to personally give them food and water, particularly during the hot summer months
- We have worked collaboratively with both local hospitals on issues of mutual concern
- We worked with Dr. Patrick Withrow and Center Point in providing public education and awareness related to substance abuse, particularly opioids
- In December, through one local donation, our officers helped provide over 100 meals to persons in need across the city
- Our officers, both on- and off-duty, volunteered at the Community Kitchen to help serve meals
- When an organizer of an Easter Egg Hunt at one local apartment complex failed to show up, our officers stepped up, scrambled and used their own money to make sure the kids were not disappointed
- We partnered with Paducah Bank to hand out ice cream in Paducah Housing Authority's Anderson Court
- We handed out popsicles to Boy Scout Day Campers in Noble Park
- We hosted multiple Boy and Girl Scout tours of the department
- We hosted a 5-day Junior Citizens' Police Academy that connects us with young people who are interested in policing
- We continue to work with the Law Enforcement Explorer Post (LEEP) that serves about a dozen local youth who are interested in careers in law enforcement
- We hosted an adult Citizens' Police Academy between August and October, informing citizens about who we are and what we do
- In partnership with the Police Foundation, we hosted an active shooter survival training for community residents, businesses and churches—it was attended by about 600 people
- We conducted scheduled walk-throughs of various neighborhoods to talk with community residents about their concerns related to crime and disorder
- We helped hand out school supplies for a back-to-school program at Washington Street Baptist Church
- We provided outreach and education to residents at the Irvin Cobb, Jackson House and WB Sanders apartment complexes, as well as one local short-term nursing care facility to address crime issues and concerns for our elderly residents
- We invested more than 100 hours of non-enforcement contact time at the Scholar House
- Consistent with a recommendation from the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing (2015), we took time to survey and ask for open-ended essays from students at Paducah Tilghman High School to ask them their perceptions of police—This information is being used in creative ways to build better relationships with young people.
- The early results of the survey at PTHS were reported in the October edition of *Police Chief Magazine*, the primary publication of the International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Seven officers completed the 2nd session of the Cultural Leadership Academy (CLA), a public-private partnership between the department, Murray State University, and the Police Foundation
- Assistant Chief Brian Krueger and the Murray State University staff associated with the program presented a highlight of the CLA at the 2017 American Society of Criminology's international conference
- For five years, the department has participated in a collaborative effort with the Merryman House to conduct Lethality Assessments for victims of intimate partner violence. This effort is part of what is known as the Maryland Model Lethality Assessment Program, or simply, LAP. This effort helps connect victims with community and legal services—and this year, we have been working on a partnership with Southern Illinois University's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice to conduct an evaluation of our efforts, in hopes to inform better evidence-based practices related to intimate partner violence

- Officer Melissa Dillon helped coordinate a “Paws for a Cause” event that helped collect over 5,000 pounds of dog and cat food, along with many other items that served several local shelters.
- We developed and implemented a “Lock-it or Lose-it” campaign that helped bring attention to an increasingly high number of thefts from unlocked cars and motor vehicle thefts where the owners left the keys in the vehicle. Through this effort, and through an aggressive data-driven approach to patrol in neighborhoods hit the worst, we are happy to report that Thefts from Autos fell from 22 in October to four in December; Motor vehicle thefts went from 16 in October to seven in December.
- We worked with Wal Mart to provide an on-line reporting mechanism for misdemeanor shoplifting. This reduced the number of officer-hours spent on these crimes by an average of 35 /per month
- Our Department’s Crime Analyst, Mike Zidar, joined Dr. John Eck at the University of Cincinnati to summarize our response to Wal Mart in *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, one of the highest ranked, peer-reviewed journals in policing.
- Prior to publication, Zidar presented our efforts at the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing’s International Conference—and as an aside; Dr. Herman Goldstein was in the room to hear Zidar’s presentation. Goldstein is highly regarded in the field of criminal justice and is known as the father of problem-oriented policing. He later emailed Zidar to thank him for his presentation.
- We provided Paducah Public School officials with the ability to report minor crimes on-line, reducing the need for a formal police response that may be more disruptive to the learning environment
- Several members of the Department opened up to independent filmmaker Brian Grimm—creator of the Racial Taboo film. Grimm interviewed these members for his next project on *Race, Media and Policing*.
- Assistant Chief White provided a presentation to the Race Unity Group at First Christian Church concerning policing, and our efforts to foster better race relations in our community
- While not directly part of his work at the PD, Assistant Chief White, a doctoral candidate at Southern Illinois University, has joined other researchers, including staff at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA, to investigate the state of US policing in post-Ferguson America. The early findings have been presented to the FBI Academy leadership staff and will likely appear in the FBI’s *Law Enforcement Bulletin* in the near future
- Captain Joe Hayes graduated from the FBI National Academy, a 10-week leadership program where participants live in residence at Quantico, VA
- Captain Anthony Copeland graduated from the Southern Police Institute’s Administrative Officers Course, a 12-week program at the University of Louisville.
- Captain Justin Crowell graduated the Criminal Justice Executive Development course at the Department of Criminal Justice Training
- Captain Brian Laird, a past graduate of the leadership course at UofL, finished his Master’s degree in Justice Administration with UofL
- Three of our captains earned the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development’s *Trilogy Award*. Two others are expected to complete theirs by the end of the June. The Trilogy Award is given to those who complete all three one-week leadership courses offered by FBI-LEEDA.
- The Department’s Command Staff volunteered at Christmas in the Park
- We assisted with Christmas Cops program, which provided Christmas gifts and food to 17 local families with 39 kids.
- We worked collaboratively with other first responders and Emergency Management to address the Eclipse
- We developed operational security plans that identified and mitigated risks for numerous special events, from 5k races to BBQ on the River
- We hosted the 2017 Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Conference
- Chief Barnhill is currently serving a second term as the KACP President

- We continue to serve as a regional provider of digital forensics examinations in partnership with US Secret Service, conducting 323 forensic exams on electronic evidence (YTD)
- We continue to serve the region with a Bomb Squad that answered 13 calls
- We appointed our first female SWAT operator
- Assistant Chief White graduated from Leadership Paducah, Class #30, and later served as a facilitator for Class #31's retreat
- Community Officer Gretchen Morgan is in the current LP Class
- We participated in Touch-a-Truck
- We hosted neighborhood meetings for Fountain Ave. residents
- Detective Hodges coordinated with CFSB to conduct educational seminar on forgery/fraud/counterfeit for all local businesses
- We worked to develop better camera infrastructure to help us monitor and secure areas along our flood wall system, including portions of the Greenway trail