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Murfreesboro Police Chief Karl Durr featured in ‘Murfreesboro Storytellers’

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The July edition of “Murfreesboro Storytellers,” hosted by John Hood, features MPD Chief Karl Durr, a 32-year veteran in law enforcement. Durr was named Chief of Police by City Manager Rob Lyons in February and began his new role in April following the retirement of Chief Glenn Chrisman.

The July 2016 episode can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/5A2MI6jbOfg>. It can also be seen on CityTV Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The ‘Storytellers’ interview with Chief Durr features the following topics:

- Durr talked about his 32-year background in law enforcement primarily in South Florida with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. As a Major, Durr had responsibility over Palm Beach County's Homeland Security Division before becoming Assistant Chief for the Eugene, Oregon police department in a college town. As Assistant Chief, Durr served over Investigations, Operations Support, Technical Services, Internal Affairs, and Training for a department with 189 police officers.
- Chief Durr recalled where he was when the Twin Towers were attacked on 9/11.
- Durr discussed why he was attracted to Middle Tennessee and a City like Murfreesboro with a high-quality police department and community-based policing.
- Durr acknowledged one area of needed improvement for the Murfreesboro Police Department is in technology. Improving computers in patrol vehicles will enhance field-based reporting electronically. Reporting is currently processed by paper in Murfreesboro. Funding has been provided to transition to electronic processing. Durr has a goal of converting to paperless before relocating to the new Police Headquarters on North Highland in 2017.

- Durr addressed his priority of personally engaging with all 240 officers and staff totaling 320. He is sitting down with each employee for 15 minutes to get an understanding of what they like about the department and what changes need to be made. If in charge, what “one” thing would they change.

This month’s Storytellers was recorded on location at Oaklands Park overlooking Oaklands Historic House Mansion, located at 900 North Maney Avenue in Murfreesboro. Storytellers is produced by CityTVs Michael Nevills.

You can watch “Murfreesboro Storytellers” on CityTV (located on Comcast Xfinity Channel 3 and AT&T Uverse channel 99) or view the program online by visiting www.murfreesborotn.gov/storytellers.

For City News online, visit www.Murfreesborotn.gov.

Photos attached:

CityTVs John Hood interviews Chief Karl Durr for the July edition of Storytellers’ on City TV.

1. *L/R John Hood and Karl Durr for interview at Oaklands Park.jpeg.*
2. *L/R John Hood and Karl Durr.jpeg.*