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## **Waukeee Police Department Deploys New Body Cameras**

**Waukeee, Iowa**—The Waukeee Police Department’s on-duty officers are now equipped with body-worn cameras. The 18 new body cams were purchased with a \$14,000 donation given in May by Rod French, owner of Kenworth Mid-Iowa. The City of Waukeee covered the remaining costs for the accompanying software.

Officers went through training earlier this month, learning about camera functions as well as the uploading and video storage processes. The body cams will be activated each time officers have contact with people through calls for service, traffic stops or other face-to-face interactions. Video clips can be used as evidence in court cases or can be referred to in the event that officer conduct is questioned.

“We want to provide transparency in policing operations and enhance the professionalism of the officers,” said Police Chief John Quinn. “Also, as we provide the services of public safety, we want to make sure the citizens are held accountable for their actions as the police officers engage with them.”

Quinn says the use of body cameras is becoming more popular due to the current temperament toward law enforcement nationwide. He wants citizens to be aware that the body cams are meant to protect the officers and the public alike.

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The City of Waukeee is recognized as the fastest growing city within the state of Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties within the United States. The official Census estimate based on July 2013 data is 17,077. Waukeee offers a family-friendly environment featuring quality parks, schools and trails. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of its future mixed-use development, Kettlestone. For more information, visit [Waukeee.org](http://Waukeee.org).