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**Saturday Aug 13th
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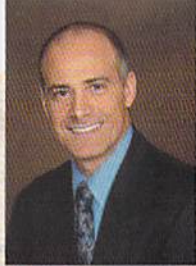
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TPD Should Wear Body Cameras

Summer time usually brings thoughts of cookouts, fireworks and apple pie. But, this summer has been different. Among our celebrations we watched in horror as madness overtook police officers and young black men alike.

The best way to protect citizens from wayward officers and to protect good cops from bad people is for officers to wear body cameras. The cameras put their wearers on alert that they will not get away with bad behavior and they also show judges and juries when a bad person forced a good cop to take protective action.

The Pasco police force has been using body cameras very successfully. A deputy sheriff there recently told me that the department had been accused of using excessive force to kill a dog. However, body camera footage showed that the owner had commanded the dog to attack the police.

Currently, 60 out of 1000 Tampa Police field officers are wearing body cameras. They are participating in a study conducted by USF to determine if the cameras are helping. The same team at USF recently completed a study for the Orlando Police Department (OPD) which concluded overwhelmingly that the benefits of the cameras outweigh the drawbacks. The OPD subsequently embraced the technology; just like Pasco County. The TPD data collection was completed in March 2016 and USF is now analyzing it. In all likelihood, the results will indicate that once again the cameras provide a net benefit.

On July 21st, Mayor Buckhorn presented the proposed 2017 Budget to the Tampa City Council. That was 7 days after this column had to be submitted for publication. I hope that he included the approximately \$1.4M that it will cost to outfit all field officers with body cameras. If he did not, the City Council should look within the \$850M budget to find the money, adjust the budget and make it happen. A single wrongful death lawsuit could cost the city as much as \$200,000. But, what's worse is that the lack of information and vigilance could cost a good man's life or a good cop's career.

If I am elected to City Council, I will vote to arm our police with body cameras.

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