

PHOTO BY JOHN GISTIN AS PRINTED IN DECEMBER 2. 2013 FOCUS. Knox County Circuit Court ludge Harold Wimberly received the Bill Williams Service Award for outstanding achieve-

budget body cameras for police patrols

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Beginning with the new fiscal year this July the City of Knoxville hopes to equip city police patrol officers with body cameras. Mayor Indya Kincannon said Tuesday she is committed to the project and will seek \$1.7 million in the new budget for the first year and about \$600,000 for each year afterwards.

Kincannon told the city council meeting that the funds will go for equipment and management of the system and that bids are now being accepted for the cameras. She said the body cameras will add accountability for both officers and the public. It is not going to solve all our prob-

lems but I think it is a step in the