VOD Widget Training for **Viewer**

Welcome to the CASTUS VOD widget. This document/video will give you an in depth walk through of how to navigate and use our video on demand/streaming platform.

The different components of the VOD include:

Playout Monitor

Widget

Recent tab

Programs tab

Playlist tab

Live tab

**Preview monitor:** This is where you will be able to see all the videos that are selected or currently playing live. In this window you have the option to pause and play the video content by selecting the pause and play button of the far left. You can also scrub through the video by dragging the white play ball back and fourth along the duration bar. On the bottom right of the preview monitor you can view the time of the video playback and the videos full duration in minutes: seconds. Then there is an option to adjust the volume and go full screen if you wish.

On the bar underneath the preview monitor starting left to right you have the name of the video currently playing, then underneath that you have the total number of views that video has. As we move further to the right there is a sharing icon in a dark circle (insert photo) by selecting this you have three different options for sharing this video content. The first option you have a basic URL for the video, the next option is for sharing the video via social media, this link provides the URL but also generates a preview thumbnail for the video that will be attached with the URL. The third option is to embed your video via iframe, this link give you the iframe  html and give you the option to customize the width and height of your video. Then below that there are direct icons that will link to your social media handles, Facebook, Twitter, and google plus. By selecting either of these will open a preview to post the video on either of those platforms.

**Widget:** This section is where you will find all the video content uploaded to the VOD. The widget is categorized into four different tabs, **Recent, Programs, Playlists, and Live**. Under each tab you will find different groupings of programs. Each video file in the widget has thumbnail of a still from the video, under the thumbnail you will find the video title and the title some videos will have a short summary of the video. On the bottom right corner of under the thumbnail you will see a **+** icon, selecting this will show you all the metadata attached to that video file. You can search through all the content in the widget by going to the search bar and typing in the name of your desired content.

**Recent tab:**  This tab will direct you to all the most recent content that has been uploaded to the VOD, the content is arranged from the most recently uploaded at the top left and descends down.

**Programs:** This page will show grouped programing based off the same type of video content. From this page you can select a "program" you would like to view by selecting the program thumbnail, it will then

direct you to all the videos within that program. In each program page you have the option to select any video in that program. You also have the option to loop all the content within each program.

**Playlists:** The playlist is group programing created by your VOD provider. These work similarly to programs, except these programs are customized by the VOD provider rather than program type. To open each playlist, select the thumbnail from the playlist tab and from there you can play each video separately or loop the content within a playlist.

**Live:** This tab will show the live programing that your station provider has currently running on their channel. You can view what is playing live at the top of the page in the preview monitor. Down below you can see the rest of their programed content for each timeslot. You can even search for content that is in their schedule, and toggle back and fourth between future dates. On the left hand side of the schedule widget you can select the different channels your station provider is currently running. At the top of the schedule widget you see how many people are currently viewing the programing. The items in the schedule that are light gray are selectable, selecting those items will open a chaptered agenda on the right of the preview monitor that allows you to skip to specific sections of the video.

To the right of the "Live" tab there is a downward facing arrow. This arrow will hide the widget and allow the preview monitor to take full screen within your internet browser.