

## TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX-TV  
Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL  
Quarter ending: December 31, 2017

ISSUE/description: 1. PUBLIC SAFETY. Informing the public about hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, forest fires, or other life-threatening or property-threatening conditions. Government regulations providing personal safety protection.

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1. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	10/05/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*
* Channel 3 covered Florida Governor Rick Scott's news conference in Pensacola regarding preparations for Tropical Storm Nate. Meteorologist Allen Strum provided the latest information on the strength, speed and projected path of the storm.				
2. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	10/23/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	**
** October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It's more common than not, especially here in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. One in four women in Northwest Florida are victims of domestic violence, but there are safe centers and first responders here to help. "Domestic violence happens almost every hour of the day in our community," said Sue Hand of Favor House of Northwest Florida. Hand works for Favor House, a safe center for victims to relocate. Hand said last year there were 4,000 domestic violence cases in Escambia County and five homicides. Hand encourages victims to come forward. First responders are ready to answer the call. Domestic violence should always be handled by professionals and not friends and family", said Hand.				
3. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	10/25/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	***
*** The City of Pensacola received official notice from FEMA this week that the Port of Pensacola has been awarded one of three grants this fiscal year through the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) for a Maritime Fire Training Simulator. The fire training simulator will be used for port response, incident control and hazard mitigation training by firefighters, law enforcement officers, hazardous materials teams, port response staff and incident command staff. The PSGP supports communities in their efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response and Recovery mission areas with a specific focus on addressing the security needs of our Nation's maritime ports. "This simulator will add training capabilities that will make the fire department better able to respond to future emergencies at the port," said Amy Miller, Director of the Port of Pensacola.				
4. The Right Side with Armstrong Williams	10/29/17	12:00PM/30 min.	Public Affairs	****

\*\*\*\* Today's guests were Dr. Devon Smith and Akili West, who discussed America's opioid addiction and possible solutions.

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5. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	10/31/17	09:00PM/2.5 minutes	News	*****

\*\*\*\*\* Santa Rosa County Sheriff's deputies are making sure kids in the area have a safe and fun time trick-or-treating with a few safety reminders. They said to guarantee a safe Halloween, families should be sure they are familiar with the area they are taking their children to trick-or-treat and parents should plan a designated route before leaving home. Local authorities said it is also important that parents look through their children's candy stash and scan for anything that looks suspicious. Santa Rosa County Sgt. Deputy Rich Aloy said homeowners who plan to welcome trick-or-treaters should be sure to restrain their pets and keep the area where kids will be walking well-lit. The sheriff's office says deputies will patrol areas as normal.

6. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	11/02/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*****
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\*\*\*\*\* In our "Consumer Reports" segment, we reported that now that the historic flood waters from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma have receded, the next flood could be a wave of water-logged cars headed to a used lot near you. If a car doesn't carry maximum insurance, flood-damage may not be disclosed in the car's title. Consumer Reports says a mechanic should conduct a thorough inspection, but also gave tips for the average viewer to help recognize these vehicles. And if you're from an area affected by a flood and have a car that wasn't damaged, be aware that buyers might be wary. Consider having a mechanic inspect your car before you put it up for sale so you can present potential buyers with a clean bill of health

7. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	11/07/17	09:00PM/3.5 minutes	News	*****
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\*\*\*\*\* Reporter Kathryn Daniel reported on a local family who is benefiting from using a Diabetes Alert Dog. After 18 months of intense training, the dog is able to alert Kelton Stephenson, a high school student with type 1 diabetes, when his blood sugar levels drop to near seizure level, even though Kelton cannot feel the change.

8. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	11/20/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*****
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\*\*\*\*\* In our "Consumer Reports" segment, we reported that as fall weather sets in, so do the nagging coughs and head colds that seem to spread so quickly, from child to child. There are concerns being raised about children getting into cough and cold medicines and accidentally overdosing -- and the health team at Consumer Reports say the dangers are very real. While you should never give cough and cold medicine to kids under four, beyond that, there's not a lot of evidence they work very well anyway, so you may want to try some home remedies instead. You want to keep kids hydrated, with things like warm drinks, soup or decaffeinated tea -- those things may loosen congestion and soothe a sore throat. For kids one-year-old and over, try adding a bit of honey -- which some research has shown, can be as effective at relieving a cough as some over-the-counter cough drugs. Kids five and older can suck on a sugar-free lozenge or candy -- which can reduce the urge to cough and soothe an irritated throat, as can mixing a half teaspoon of salt in a cup of warm water, for a gargling solution. If you do have young children at home, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises people to put medications Up and Away -- out of children's reach and sight. And, always lock the cap on a medicine bottle.

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9. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	11/21/17	09:00PM/2.5 minutes	News	*****

\*\*\*\*\* The Escambia County Sheriff's Office is encouraging residents to get involved in keeping their neighborhoods safe. On Tuesday the sheriff's office hosted a neighborhood watch academy to teach folks how to handle different situations. The academy covered more than just keeping an eye on your neighbor's house. It also tackled more serious, dangerous situations, including how to handle active shooter scenarios. ECSO Chief Deputy Chip Simmons said these type of scenarios are one of many they teach. Richard Miller, a neighbor watch president in Escambia County, encourages people to take time to get to know their neighbors ... if you're friendly with people then you're going to be more concerned about their well-being. Alert ID is a service that helps identify crime in where you live. It allows people to search reported crimes in neighborhoods including theft, assaults and registered sex offenders.

10. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	11/30/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*10
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\*10 Escambia County Fire Rescue, in collaboration with the Pensacola Fire Department, will launch its annual "Keep the Wreath Green" fire safety campaign Friday, Dec. 1. While a joyous time of year, cold weather, holiday decorations, and festivities can create serious fire dangers. Firefighters hope to reduce the number of fires by promoting simple, life-saving holiday safety tips each day, Dec. 1 through the 31. During the month-long campaign, five-foot wreaths will also be on display at 18 county fire stations and five city fire stations. Each time firefighters respond to a residential fire with damage, a green light bulb will be replaced with a red one to remind citizens of the dangers posed by fires in the residential home. In 2016, 12 bulbs were changed to red on county wreaths. We provided viewers with the Fire Department's list of daily tips to prevent fires throughout the month.

11. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	12/06/17	09:00PM/2.5 minutes	News	*11
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\*11 It's expected to be a record-breaking holiday season for deliveries, and all those deliveries are bringing out thieves looking to make a quick getaway with your shipments. Pensacola Police Department (PPD) Public Information Officer Mike Wood said this type of crime is not exclusive to the city of Pensacola or Northwest Florida, but happen across the country. Men and women, so-called "porch pirates", can be seen walking up to homes and quickly getting away with boxes and other goods. Wood said crimes like these spike during the holiday season, and offered suggestions to eliminate the threat or temptation of would-be thieves.

12. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	12/07/17	09:00PM/1 minute	News	*12
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\*12 Texting while driving could soon become a primary traffic offense in Florida. That means law enforcement officers would no longer need a second reason, like speeding, to pull someone over. The newly unveiled legislation, backed by House Speaker Richard Corcoran, would also bring harsher penalties for people caught texting or emailing behind the wheel, including increased fines and the possibility of racking up points on a driver's license. The bill would also include additional penalties for texting violations that result in car crashes or happen while driving through school zones. This bill will be on the table when the 2018 Legislative Session gets underway next month.

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13. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	12/07/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*13
*13 David Gonzalez reported road crews are keeping a close eye on the weather as a cold front is expected to roll through Northwest Florida bringing with it winter weather conditions. The exact impact the storm will have on this area is unknown but the Florida Department of Transportation isn't taking any chances. The big concern is black ice forming on roadways and bridges if temperatures fall below freezing. Ian Satter, spokesperson for FDOT, said the department doesn't want to see a repeat of the 2014 January ice storm that crippled the area. In recent years, Satter said the department bought several salt and chemical spreaders to prevent or remove ice that might build up on roadways and bridges. FDOT will pre-spray bridges in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties with snow melting chemicals as a preemptive measure on Thursday night and early Friday morning.				
14. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	12/09/17	09:00PM/1 minute	News	*14
*14 Meteorologist Allen Strum reported that black ice has been reported on several roadways across Northwest Florida, and Florida Highway Patrol is urging drivers to take caution while navigating roads. He told viewers of roads that have been closed due to icy conditions. With the possibility of freezing rain and sleet over the next few days, FHP will have additional Troopers on duty to monitor road conditions. Strum offered safety tips for driving in these conditions.				
15. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	12/13/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*15
*15 In our "Consumer Reports" segment, we reported that car crash deaths are on the rise and many experts believe driver distraction from smartphones remains a problem. In a recent survey Consumer Reports found 52% of licensed drivers who own a smartphone texted, played music, browsed the web, sent emails, or watched videos. Many smartphone and tech companies are introducing safety measures for teens and adults while driving, like a mode which blocks alerts for both calls or texts. Many newer car models have infotainment systems that can contribute to drivers taking their eyes off the road. Ironically, at the same time, many car manufacturers are also developing newer technologies designed to make new cars safer, like lane departure and collision warning systems - even automatic emergency braking systems - to help distracted drivers avoid dangerous situations. These can be useful, but Consumer Reports says nothing beats keeping your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road.				
16. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	12/22/17	09:00PM/2.5 minutes	News	*16
*16 Reporter David Gonzalez reported that cooking-related fires are the number one cause of house fires throughout the year, and especially dangerous around the holidays. He interviewed Pensacola's Fire Chief about ways viewers can avoid the fire dangers.				