



## **NEWSCHANNEL 13 – Programs & Issues – 1Q '08**

Based on market research, the following list represents the general issues and challenges important to the communities we serve.

- Crime & Punishment
- Safety
- Traffic & Growth
- Severe Weather
- Education
- Political
- Healthcare & Affordability
- Jobs & Economy
- Military
- Arts & Culture

More specifically, there were several stories we covered in depth that had a big impact on our communities this quarter.

- Alamosa Water Contamination: The water supply in Alamosa was contaminated with salmonella and parasites. This forced the community to flush out the water system and highly chlorinate the water. People in the area were not allowed to use the water at all during the process, and water had to be brought in for drinking, cooking and washing. To date, a boil order is still in effect in the area. (Safety)
- Random Shootings: There have been several incidents of people driving by and shooting people on the streets in Colorado Springs. Police still don't know who is doing this or why. (Crime & Punishment)
- Child Abuse: There have been a number of children killed because of child abuse this quarter. These cases still have to go to trial. (Crime & Punishment)
- Downtown Bar Fights: One of the issues plaguing Colorado Springs police is the incident of hundreds of people leaving the bars downtown and getting into huge brawls. **NEWSCHANNEL 13** covered this story from many angles, including the fights themselves, police plans for patrolling the area and the businesses impacted and wanting to leave the downtown area. (Safety & Economy)
- Budget Cuts: Colorado Springs is dealing with a budget deficit in many of its departments, including police, sheriff and health. **NEWSCHANNEL 13** covered this story from many angles, including how the budget shortfall in the police department was forcing the police helicopter to be grounded. This was hampering police officers' abilities to locate criminals, etc. Since our stories

aired, more money was found and the police helicopter was put back in the air. (Safety & Economy)

More detailed information is available in electronic format to any member of the public upon request. To view the public file on TV Program & Issues, please contact Michael Sipes (phone: 719-575-6361 / email: [m.sipes@krdo.com](mailto:m.sipes@krdo.com)) or Tim Larson (phone: 719-575-6201 / email: [t.larson@krdo.com](mailto:t.larson@krdo.com)).