## KSTW-TV Tacoma, Washington

# QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT 1st Quarter 2024:

#### **Quarterly Issues and Programs Report**

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of community issues during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024.

#### **Regularly Scheduled Programs**

During the reported quarter, the station broadcast the following regularly scheduled program that routinely address issues of importance to the station's community:

- The Impact Hosted by Mike McClanahan, this show explores the issues, people, and events impacting the citizens of Washington State by highlighting the goings-on at the State's capital in Olympia, WA. Airs Sundays at 11:00 -11:30AM.
- Investigate TV This show provides innovative, original journalism from a dedicated investigative team and partners. Airs Sundays at 12 -12:30AM.

Public Service Announcements – The station airs PSAs in rotation from various organizations that include topics such as cancer, mental health, bullying prevention, Covid Vaccinations, STEM, substance abuse, fire prevention, gun safety, child welfare, animal welfare, dementia, high blood pressure, and autism.

#### **Program Specials**

- African American Short Films Ranging from comedy to drama and everything inbetween, short films that star, are produced by, are written by or are directed by African American filmmakers feature voices and images of contemporary, African American lives. Aired Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 5pm.
- Everyday Heroes: Celebrating Black History Black History Month has become an extremely important month for the United States to reflect on the contributions of African-Americans throughout our history. From the gallant men and women who served in our armed forces during times of segregation and oppression, to the community leaders who helped us all understand the path forward. We are all standing on the shoulders of great people who challenged themselves to create a better future for all Americans. Everyday Heroes celebrates those individuals and groups, and shares their story of strife and success, so that we can all honor and recognize the significance of their actions. Aired Sunday, February 18, 2024, at 2PM.

### **Quarterly Issues and Programs List**

Community of License: TACOMA, WA

**Issue**: **MENTAL HEALTH-** Examining issues related to mental health, and well-being of importance to local viewers.

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
	1/1/24 - 3/31/24	Various	00:00:30	Mental health awareness.

**Issue**: **FOOD INSECURITY & THE UNHOUSED** - Examining issues related to poverty, including hunger and homelessness, including community programs to help those in need.

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
PSAs	1/1/24 - 3/31/24	Various	00:00:30	Community support in ending hunger.

**Issue**: **ECONOMY**- Examining issues related to the economy, including inflation, supply chain issues and the local impact.

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
The Impact	2/7/24	11:00 – 11:30	00:30:00	House Consumer Protection and Business Committee leaders weigh in on high-interest loans, unspent gift cards, ticket bots, office-to-apartment conversions, and other notable bills this year. Guests: Committee Chair, Rep. Amy Walen (D-Kirkland) and Ranking Republican Member, Rep. Eric Robertson (R-Sumner)

The Impact	3/20/24	11:00 – 11:30	00:30:00	A review of the 2024 Legislative Session with a focus on revenue and tax legislation. Featuring a panel interview with Traci Underwood, interim co-Executive Director of the Economic Opportunity Institute and Paul Guppy, Vice President for Research at the Washington Policy Center.
The Impact	3/27/24	11:00 – 11:30	00:30:00	A one-on-one interview State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti covering the new law to enroll workers without a retirement plan in a state IRA, the fate of a bill to make financial education a H.S. graduation requirement, and the political shift in the debate over cannabis banking restrictions.
Investigate TV	2/4/24	1:30PM	6:04	A legal loophole that keeps some car salespeople from disclosing dangerous recalls.
Investigate TV	2/4/24	1:30PM	4:49	This segment offers viewers tips on how to identify vehicles that may have flood damage.
Investigate TV	1/14/24 2/11/24	1:30PM	5:45	Machines that look like the slots found in Las Vegas casinos are popping up in gas stations, convenience stores, bars and social halls across the nation. creating regulatory headaches and confusion nationwide.
Investigate TV	1/14/24 2/11/24	1:30PM	6:30	The federal government has proposed a new rule that would prohibit companies from paying for positive online

				reviews and other deceptive practices.
Investigate TV	2/25/24	1:30PM	2:28	Naming your beneficiaries in the event of your death is very important to make and to update.
Investigate TV	3/31/24	1:30PM	8:58	Some homeowners are concerned their homes may be undervalued because of their race. This report investigates cases of alleged housing discrimination—and what's being done for those being undervalued.
Investigate TV	3/31/24	1:30PM	3:50	This report examines how fake deeds have families fighting for homes that they own.
Investigate TV	3/3/24	1:30PM	7:00	Families across the country are furious after their loved one's ashes are lost in the mail.

**Issue**: **ENVIRONMENT-** Examining issues related to the environment, including recycling.

Program	Date of	Time of	Duration of	Episode/Segment
	Broadcast	Program	Story	Description
The Impact	Broadcast	Program 11:00 – 11:30	<b>Story</b> 00:30:00	Prom easing environmental rule compliance costs to extending unemployment benefits to workers on strike, we've got an overview of the business and labor bills to watch this year. Association of Washington Business
				President Kris
				Johnson and
				Washington State

				Labor Council President April Sims weigh in on their respective legislative priorities for 2024.
The Impact	2/21/24	11:00 - 11:30	00:30:00	This week on The Impact we look at the return of legislation to overhaul the state's recycling system, from the bill to hold companies responsible for their packaging waste, to the "bottle bill" which would create a 10¢ deposit/return law for bottles and cans. We also cover legislation to create new pathways for food banks, cannabis plant waste, and poisonous light bulbs. The episode features extended interviews with Zero Waste Washington Executive Director Heather Trim and Katie Beeson representing the Washington Food Industry Association.

**Issue**: **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**- Examining issues related to the diversity & inclusion such as pride, heritage, and anti-bullying.

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
PSAs	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	Various	00:00:30	Various anti-bullying PSAs
Investigate TV	1/28/24 3/10/24	1:30PM	26:25	African American families are fighting to protect the burial

				grounds of their loved ones.
HBCU Basketball	1/6/24 — 3/9/24	1:00PM 3:00PM	20 games - 2 hours each	Featuring Basketball teams from Historically Black Colleges and Universities and interstitial material between games with info about the schools.

**Issue**: **HEALTH** - Examining issues related to the healthcare such as mental health, cancer awareness, COVID-19, and long-term healthcare plans.

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PSAs	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	Various	00:00:30	Various PSAs on healthcare research, mental health, Alzheimer's, obesity, cancer, addiction, muscular dystrophy, blood pressure, and COVID-19.
Investigate TV	2/25/24 3/17/24	1:30PM	9:00	Troubled dentists are often allowed to surrender their license to avoid more severe discipline.
Investigate TV	2/25/24 3/17/24	1:30PM	5:25	Physician assisted death is now legal in 10 states. Some people are travelling to these states in search of death with dignity.
Investigate TV	2/25/24 3/17/24	1:30PM	5:51	Medical advocates ask for stricter training for dentists to prevent dental deaths.
Investigate TV	3/3/24 3/24/24	1:30PM	9:30	A government agency says you shouldn't trust "non-toxic" labels on everything – especially water beads.

**Issue**: **GOVERNMENT & POLITICS** - Examining issues related to local, state, and national

government bodies and elections that are of importance to local viewers.

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
PSAs	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	Various	00:00:30	Various PSAs on military service and gun safety and early voting.
The Impact	1/10/24	11:00 – 11:30	00:30:00	An overview of issues likely to surface during the 2024 Legislative Session. Featuring analysis with Paul Queary, founder of the independent political newsletter, The Washington Observer.
The Impact	1/21/24	11:00 – 11:30	00:30:00	The debate over legislation that would leave Washington on Pacific Standard Time year-round. Guests: Sen. Manka Dhingra (D-Redmond) and Sen. Mike Padden (R-Spokane Valley)
The Impact	2/28/24	11:00 – 11:30	00:30:00	Bills that passed, bills that died, and bills still in the mix. A late session recap with analysis from a panel of state government reporters. Guests: Laurel Demkovich of the Washington State Standard and Ellen Dennis of The Spokesman-Review.
The Impact	3/6/24	11:00 – 11:30	00:30:00	State Auditor Pat McCarthy reflects on her agency's new role auditing police use of deadly force investigations, an upcoming report on civil asset forfeiture,

		local government
		fraud, and more.

**Issue**: **CRIME & PUBLIC SAFETY** - Examining issues related to local and state public safety, policing, and homelessness that are of importance to local viewers.

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
The Impact	1/24/24	11:00 <del>-</del> 11:30	00:30:00	From police tactics to sentencing guidelines, an overview of justice system related bills up for debate in the 2024 Legislative Session followed by a panel discussion with Enoka Herat, ACLU-WA Policing and Immigration Policy Program Director, and Steve Strachan, Executive Director of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.
The Impact	2/14/24	11:00 — 11:30	00:30:00	House transportation leaders weigh in on 2024 budget priorities, speed cameras, and more. Guests: House Transportation Committee Chair, Rep. Jake Fey (D-Tacoma) and Ranking Member, Rep. Andrew Barkis (R-Olympia).
The Impact	3/13/24	11:00 — 11:30	00:30:00	Presidential primary takeaways, races to watch, and the political dynamics that will impact the big election this fall. Analysis from professional political consultants for democratic and republican campaigns. Guests: Sandeep Kaushik of Sound View Strategies and Justin Matheson of Axiom Strategies.

Investigate TV	1/7/24 2/4/24	1:30PM	5:25	A new report by the federal government strongly urges law enforcement agencies to enact policies to reduce high-speed chases in their communities.
Investigate TV	1/21/24	1:30PM	5:45	Drug agents are searching innocent people boarding flights at airports across the nation. The DEA and local police aren't making many arrests, but they are seizing money from passengers, even when no drugs are found. Brendan Keefe tracked down plain clothes agents as they searched passengers at the gate.
Investigate TV	1/21/24	1:30PM	7:00	A criminology expert says the homicide clearance rate in the U.S. is the worst in the western world. We investigate what can be done to reverse the trend.
Investigate TV	1/21/24	1:30PM	5:25	Guns are being stolen from cars at an alarming rate with the intention of using them in crimes.
Investigate TV	3/3/24	1:30PM	5:25	Mail carriers are facing an increased threat of armed robbery.