



MEMORANDUM

TO: KNVA Public Files
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RE: Issues and Programs Report – First Quarter 2015
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The major significant problems and needs of the Austin community are:

Crime
Education & Family Values
Government & Politics
Health & Safety

Attached are examples of local news reports, public service efforts, local programming, and syndicated programs that have addressed these issues.

PROGRAMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

NAME OF PROGRAM	DAYS AIRED	TIME AIRED
Austin News	Monday - Friday	7:00 – 9:00 AM
Austin News @ 9	Monday - Sunday	9:00 – 9:30 PM

This program is produced locally and is a mix of news, weather and sports. All stories generally air for between 30 seconds and two minutes. All stories aired during KNVA's 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. newscast.

CRIME

1/13/15 San Marcos Homicide

Duration 20

San Marcos police continue to investigate the city's first homicide of 2015. The 911 call came in from the Townwood Apartments on Linda Drive just after 11 pm last night. Officers arrived to find a 42-year-old man dead and a teenager seriously hurt. Both victims are from San Antonio. Investigators say the shootings don't appear to be random. Anyone with information needs to call police.

1/13/15 Klienert in Court

Duration 40

The former Austin Police detective at the center of a controversial police shooting will hear the evidence in his case presented to a Federal Judge in March. Lawyers for Charles Kleinert convinced a federal court judge, the case should be heard there rather than in Travis County District Court. That's because at the time Kleinert shot Larry Jackson Junior during a struggle, he was working 'on loan' to the FBI with a special anti-crime task force. If the federal judge decides the case should move forward in federal court, it will be permanently removed from the lower court. For now, a District Court trial date is set for April 20th. Kleinert was indicted in Travis County on a manslaughter charge last May.

1/15/15 Great Dane Stopped Crime

Duration 45

The Austin Police Department is honoring a crime fighter tonight with a big heart. This morning, we met Asia, the Great Dane and her owners. Back in November, she helped stop two burglary attempts that were only two days apart. In one of the incidents, burglars tried to get inside the house while her owners were sleeping. She alerted them and then really stepped into action. Owner said "I heard them get on top of the house, so I ran through the house and let Asia out and you could see her running back and forth and you could hear them running." The crooks were so frightened that they stayed on top of the roof until police arrived. Tonight APD Commanders will present Asia with an award for standing up to the crooks.

2/11/15 Samantha Dean Investigation

Duration 50

One week after Sheriff's deputies in Bastrop County found the body of Samantha Dean, no one has been arrested for her murder. We learned an Austin police officer who may have been seeing her socially has been placed on leave, but neither Austin police nor lead investigators in Bastrop County are saying anything else. Samantha's family says she was seven months pregnant with a girl she already named Madeline. She worked for the Kyle Police Department as a Victim Services Coordinator. Her coworkers say that they are on the outside looking in on the investigation. "We'll never be able to replace somebody with Sam's spirit, and her energy and drive to take care of crime victims. But, we also know she would want us to continue forward." Family members plan to hold a

visitation for Samantha Dean tomorrow in San Antonio, and her funeral service will be held on Friday.

2/11/15 American Sniper Trial

Duration 50

The widow of American Sniper Chris Kyle says she's proud of her husband's service. "Taya Kyle" testified today at the trial of Kyle's alleged killer "Eddie Routh." She told jurors that Kyle struggled when he returned to civilian life. But, then he found pride in helping other veterans like Routh. Routh's attorneys say he killed Kyle and friend Chad Littlefield, but it was because of his long battle with mental illness. Alan Nash, Prosecutor said two best friends are going to befriend another man and spend time with him doing what men like to do. However, Tim Moore, Eddie Routh's Attorney said that when he took their lives, he was in a grip of psychosis in a state of psychosis so severe, he did not know what he was doing was wrong. Routh pleaded not guilty. The defense has the burden of proving he did not know right from wrong. The trial is expected to last between two and three weeks.

2/12/15 Dallas Police Chase and Fight

Duration 55

A high speed chase in Dallas ended in a way none of us expected. Police chased the car this afternoon in North Dallas until the driver hit an SUV and a minivan at a stop light. The woman driving the minivan, Jessica Liesmann, jumped out and rushed the suspect as he tried to get out of the car. Then, she and another person fought the suspect when he tried to run away. Police arrived, broke up the fight and took the man into custody. Jessica Liesmann who attacked the suspect says "I saw him come up from behind and hit me. I turned around and asked my son if he was ok, and he said yeah. I jumped out and was like 'what the hell's wrong with you? You're in a school zone!' He didn't say anything. I was just angry." TJ Liesmann says "My mom did put him in his place. I'm glad he is in jail because to be honest when I was in the car I thought I died." Jessica's son, TJ was taken to the hospital but is expected to be ok.

3/9/15 Execution Drugs

Duration 50

Once again the Texas Department of Criminal Justice needs to restock the execution drugs for death row inmates. Prison officials say they have enough pentobarbital for two scheduled executions this month, but there are four others set for April. Last year, a backlash against the compounding pharmacy supplying the drug forced the state to switch to a new provider. However, the TDCJ has declined to say why it has not been able to obtain more pentobarbital from its current provider. So how did we get to this point? A current ruling is under appeal that the state must release the name of the compounding pharmacy providing the state the execution drug. All of this is needed after pharmaceutical companies stopped selling US prisons the drugs they have been using in lethal injections. Since becoming the first state to use lethal injection in the early 80's Texas has executed 521 inmates.

3/10/15 Attacks in Store Parking Lots

Duration 25

Austin Police hope surveillance photos of a man they say robbed and assaulted a woman in a parking lot will lead to his arrest. This image came from the Target located in the Shops At Tech Ridge. Police say the robbery and assault happened the same day as two robberies at gunpoint at a different target and an HEB. Officers arrested a man in those cases, but do not think those crimes were connected to the case on Tech Ridge.

3/16/15 Human Trafficking Bill

Duration 50

A bill to help victims of human trafficking in Washington looks like it could fall apart. Senator John Cornyn sponsored the bill which aims to counteract what he called a "new form of slavery". At first it had wide support on both sides of the aisle. But the bill includes language that barred money in the "trafficking victim's fund" from going to abortion providers. Democrat leaders admitted they didn't read the bill and missed that language. They say the Republicans hid it and now they want to block the bill altogether. Cornyn says a filibuster threat is "purely political." Sen. John Cornyn says "If we can't do that on a human trafficking bill what can we possibly work together on." Republican leader Mitch McConnell says he won't let Senators vote on President Obama's Attorney General appointee until they pass the human trafficking bill.

EDUCATION & FAMILY VALUES

1/12/15 Death of Teacher Blair

Duration 1:00

A murder that shocked so many in our community is of a choir teacher killed in her own home. Over the weekend we reported the arrest of two men in Kathy Blair's death last month. Police say "Shawn Gant-Benalcazar" admitted to stabbing Blair. Timothy Parlin went to jail for a parole violation. Meanwhile Blair's students plan to remember her in song. Her choir now re-named the Christian Academy for Performing Arts resumed practices today. Becky Watt, Kathy Blair's friend, stated that "it's good to honor her this way but we can't have her back. It is good closure for her son and daughter to have someone off the street who had the ability to do something like that. In the criminal investigation, detectives say Timothy Parlin had a criminal history and Blair's landlord hired him to do work at the home. We wanted to know what standards Texas has to make sure the people coming to your home or apartment are safe. KXAN Investigator Kevin Schwaller found that landlords could face penalties in court for bad hiring decisions, but whether to hire someone is largely up to them.

1/15/15 Dream Act

Duration 25

The debate over immigration in Texas is heating up. Conservative lawmakers want to repeal the law which gives in-state tuition to the children of people who came to the US illegally. Immigrant activists and business leaders who support the Texas Dream Act, say the law passed in 2001 is under attack. There are several bills filed to end the Dream act with support from powerful men like Lieutenant Governor-Elect Dan Patrick.

1/15/15 Amber Alert on Facebook

Duration 30

Austin Police say they are excited about a new feature on Facebook. Last night at ten we told you the social networking site will start sending out amber alerts directly to people using its mobile app. It's all meant to make it easier to find children who are missing or in danger. An Austin Police Detective told us the development could save valuable time. Timing is critical, because the sooner we can get to an individual the less time they've traveled and the less time for exposure to whatever risk they may have been exposed to. The detective says this could help reach people at hotels, gas stations and other areas where a suspect and a missing child could end-up. He says it's a "big win" for law enforcement.

2/9/15 AISD Equality

Duration 35

Tonight the Austin school board is discussing equity among schools after complaints about fewer opportunities for minorities and schools in economically-disadvantaged areas of the city. Back in 2012, the Texas Civil Rights Project released a report identifying inequities among schools in AISD. Now, they are using a legal assessment from the Office of Civil Rights a part of the U.S. Department of Education, to push the district to address these issues. The school board will discuss whether or not they need to move forward with a self-assessment. That discussion is scheduled to begin at 9:40 tonight.

2/11/15 TX Tag Issues For Many Customers

Duration 55

Today leaders of the Texas Department of Transportation and Xerox got an earful of complaints about toll road billing. Members of the Texas Senate asked what the agency and contractor plan to do to improve customer service at TXTAG. Some questions got answers. But other questions got no answers. Watson "What are the longest call wait times you've experienced since the migration to Xerox?" "We have experienced some of the long wait times when the statements started to go out in December and January. We have since improved that. Our wait time yesterday was 2 minutes and 27 seconds." "I'm going to be candid with you, I doubt your numbers." We now know 30-thousand customers have been unable to get answers to their billing questions. Coming up at 10, we'll see some of the "spillover effects" that could make it even more difficult for drivers like you.

2/12/15 UT Powers Report Reaction

Duration 55

A report out tonight finds that UT Austin President William Powers intervened far more than his predecessors to provide special consideration for certain applicants to the school. It was often at the request of influential lawmakers and donors. However the report says there was nothing improper or illegal. President Powers insists that it is the smart way to run a top university overflowing with applicants. He says no other students lost their spot at UT because of what he did. Sometimes they are policy makers, sometimes donors, people on advisory committees, a variety of people who very strongly help this university of advance. It behooves every university in America to stay connected with those people.

The report finds President Powers put special "Q-Holds" on some 300 applications a year. Such a hold gave an applicant a 31% better chance of getting admitted.

3/9/15 Univ. OK Frat Racism

Duration 55

The University of Oklahoma is threatening legal action after kicking a fraternity off campus for a video showing fraternity members referencing hangings and using racial slurs. David Boren President of University of Oklahoma says "Would I be happy if they left the University as students and were no longer our students? You betcha! I'd be happy. We don't have any room for racists and bigots at this University." (applause). University President David Boren said he was sickened and unable to sleep after seeing the video Saturday night. Members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity have until midnight tomorrow to remove their belongings. Extra security is in place so members can get off campus. The national organization announced it has closed the OU chapter and suspended all of its members and is endorsing further sanctions against anyone in the video. The video was reportedly shot this weekend and posted to www.youtube.com by "unheard" a group that describes itself as an Alliance of African American Students.

3/9/15 South Austin School

Duration 1:00

The district has been looking for land to purchase, but we don't know where. Tonight the board will be trying to answer the following questions: Should the administration keep looking for land? Are there any other options to look at? Should the staff get any feedback from the public at this point? The district did come up with some figures on how much it would cost to operate a new high school which includes paying the staff. There are various scenarios depending on the size. The smallest campus with an enrollment of just over one thousand students would cost 8-point-six million to operate. District enrollment would need to be at more than 85 thousand students projections for 2016 and they are under that by about 16 hundred students.

3/11/15 Manor ISD Drug Testing

Duration 1:15

It's about to become a lot harder to get away with doing drugs in Manor ISD. "We're really trying to push being accountable." In the fall of 2015, the district will start randomly testing students in extracurricular activities including sports and band. It's up to the school board to decide how much they want to test for from marijuana to prescription medication to K2. Superintendent Kevin Brackmeyer/Manor ISD "Definitely marijuana is probably at the top of everyone's list." But Superintendent Kevin Brackmeyer says it's not about busting kids. It's about giving them an excuse to say "no." "We want to teach our students to make better choices." Sophomore Hilda Torres sees how it might help. Hilda Torres/Sophomore, Manor New Tech High School "Usually it's always peer pressure that makes you do drugs." Erin Cargile says, "So what happens if a student tests positive? They have to sit out of their sport or activity until they have finished five hours of counseling. If they test positive again, they're out the entire year." But some students say the program goes too far. Andrew Adams/Junior, Manor New Tech High School "I

think if it's not being brought into the school they shouldn't worry about it." The district says it's all part of setting a higher standard for students to be successful.

3/16/15

Duration 40 Education Pressure

The Texas State Employees Union says the surplus in money this session should be used for funding full-day Pre-K and fulfilling retirement plans for state employees not cutting taxes. The message teachers have for legislators is simple. In order to give students a high-quality education they need to have the supplies and resources to get the job done. "Starting with tax cuts is a non-starter for us. It's irresponsible. There are unmet needs in our public schools that require the legislature's attention, and we see plenty of room for us to move the ball in that area." Today was "one of two" legislative lobby days. More than a thousand teachers attended today's rally including educators from as far away as El Paso.

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

1/12/15 AISD Enrollment

Duration 1:20

Jennifer Weinberg/Lives in East Austin and stated that "We moved over in this neighborhood because we liked the direction it was going. We really were looking for a place to start our family and our life together." Now Jennifer Weinberg and her husband have a daughter, Evan, who is almost two and another baby on the way. It makes sense for their kids to eventually go to Sanchez Elementary in East Austin which is right across the street. Jennifer: "That's where we always wanted her to go, and only recently did we start looking at the actual school scores and rankings." But Jennifer didn't like what she saw online, and is thinking about other options. Jennifer: "There are a lot of good charter schools in the area and we also considered the cost of moving versus private school." A new report shows AISD losing other families for other reasons including higher rent and real estate pushing families with kids to the suburbs. Erin says: "The biggest drop is expected here on this East Austin campus. It's predicted the student population will go down here at Martin Middle School by about 400 kids." Nicole Conley/AISD, Chief Financial Officer says, "It's very concerning." AISD's chief financial officer says that over the next three to four years "If we do nothing; if we put no interventions in place, the district can see a shortfall that can go anywhere up to almost 46 million dollars in the budget assuming that those trends hold."

1/13/15 France Terror

Duration 30

We are getting a new view of the gunmen behind last week's deadly terror attack in Paris. Newly released amateur video shows the two gunmen in the street by their getaway car shortly after the massacre at the Charlie Hebdo offices. They shouted "We have avenged the prophet Mohammed" as they re-loaded their weapons. As they drove away a police car blocked their path. But it backed away when the men opened fire with their automatic rifles. Police say the two men died Friday after a gunfight with police.

1/13/15 Strauss 4th Term

Duration 40

The man who has led the Texas house will stay in power. Speaker Joe Straus won his race against fellow Republican Scott Turner to open the 84th Texas legislature today. It wasn't much of a surprise. Turner only got 19 votes. However, this is the first time in 40 years that there was an active challenge in the speaker's race. It comes as the house shifts to the right. Looking back, this is the opposite scenario from what brought Straus into power. The 2008 election of Barrack Obama helped Texas Democrats gain more seats which meant conservative speaker Tom Craddick would have a hard time winning reelection. He dropped out before the session began but still is a representative. With support from Democrats and some republicans Straus easily won.

1/14/15 US Capital Attack

Duration 55

The F-B-I arrested a Cincinnati area man today accused of planning to attack the United States capitol building. Authorities took 20-year-old Christopher Cornell Into custody outside a gun range this evening. He had just purchased guns and ammunition as an undercover agent watched. According to officials, Cornell began posting comments on Twitter starting in August under an alias supporting ISIS. The FBI sent an undercover agent to meet with him shortly after those posts began appearing. Cornell said he wanted to build, plant and detonate pipe bombs at and near the US capitol, then "shoot and kill employees and officials." His father explained to news crews a different side of his son. Officials tell NBC "There was never a danger to the public" since he was dealing with an undercover agent the whole time.

2/9/15 Merkel at White House

Duration 20

President Obama and one of Europe's top leaders have different ideas on how to help Ukraine. German Chancellor Angela Merkel ruled "out" the possibility of her country supplying Ukraine with weapons as they fight Russian separatists. President Obama says that option is still on the table. But he has yet to make a decision.

2/12/15 Gun Issue at the Capitol

Duration 50

The gun debate continues at the state capitol as open carry and campus carry bills are both debated. Just as things got underway today, DPS troopers arrested "Travis Kuenstler" for criminal trespass. The group "Open Carry Texas" claims he was carrying a toy gun and not a real one. Inside the hearing room testimony lasted approximately eight hours. Last session, a bill allowing guns on college campuses passed the House and Failed in the Senate. This time around, the debate is still heated. "All we're saying is let's not do that. Slow down and have some common sense." "We'll consider any pro-gun legislation a success. We are not going to oppose anything that returns our rights to us." Republican leaders including Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick are pushing for both open carry and campus carry bills as a priority.

2/13/15 Strip Club on Congress

Duration 50

More leaders are voicing concerns over the plan to put a strip club blocks away from the State Capitol. "M-B and M-S" Enterprises has applied to open the club on Congress and fifth streets. Today the Downtown Austin Alliance met about the issue. Leaders there say many business owners in the area have expressed concerns. They also don't think it'll fit their goal for the Downtown area. "The Downtown Austin Alliance has a vision for Congress Avenue and a retail strategy and it just doesn't fit that strategy." City Council member Kathy Tovo also weighed in. She said she's been working with city staff to determine whether the business can open a strip club on Congress. She also said "having an adult-oriented business on Austin's Main Street doesn't support the family friendly, age-inclusive environment that we want to create Downtown."

3/9/15 TX Dot Over-billing
Duration 1:00

In a letter to the chairman of the House general investigating and ethics committee, Representative Tony Dale says it's time to get to the root of these failures. "What I suspect is the root cause is the state not properly doing their oversight as it relates to making sure these contractors are doing their job they've been hired to do." Now, Dale wants an investigation into whether TXDOT could have done more to prevent thousands of drivers from being over-billed and wrongly charged late fees. "There has been 3 vendors that have run the toll roads since they've been put in place. All 3 contracts have had problems and the 1 common theme has been TXDOT." The investigation comes as officials with TXDOT say they are *still reimbursing customers. They originally promised to be done paying everyone back *last* month. "You go through with a toll tag; you expect it to be billed to your account and be seamless. It's the state's responsibility to make sure that happens regardless of contractors you may have operating the toll roads." Officials with TXDOT weren't aware of the investigation. That is until we told them.

3/20/15 Obama on Fracking Rules
Duration 50

Today the Obama administration released new rules on hydraulic fracturing or fracking. That's the process of pumping water and chemicals to break up rocks and release oil or natural gas. The rules which require reinforced wells, better leak prevention, and a disclosure of chemicals used only affecting drilling on federal land and Native American tribal lands. Energy companies say they don't need more regulations, while environmentalists say the new rules don't go far enough. Emily Wurth, Food & Water Watch "fracking is inherently risky, and so we don't believe these regulations which are essentially partial measures will make fracking safe for public health and the environment." Erik Milito, American Petroleum Institute "We use about 3 million pounds of steel and cement in each well to be sure the groundwater is being protected. We have over a million applications of this so far with no documented cases of groundwater being impacted" The Obama Administration wants states to adopt similar regulations on their land and private lands.

HEALTH & SAFETY

1/12/15 Cedar Levels High

Duration 1:20

We central Texans like to get outside, but this time of year you have to beware of the clouds. It's not smoke, fog, mist or dust. It's Cedar Pollen. It bedevils us with our noses, sinuses, and throats. Folks like Mary Mann try all the remedies, generic and otherwise. Not much helps. I've never seen it this bad, like powder falling to the ground from the wind. I know some people are suffering a lot more than I am, I feel like I'm one of the lucky ones. I first think I'm getting a cold but since it happens the same time every year obviously it's cedar. This year the cedar count is 5, 6, 7 times higher than in recent years so it seems worse. By day we sniffle, sneeze, cough and hack and at night it can be worse. At night I use antihistamines and various nasal decongestants but I'm afraid I'm just doomed to wait till the season is over. The season's expected to last through March. Perhaps some heavy rain can knock it out of the sky. However, as soon as the rain clears the pollen is plentiful again.

1/12/15 DC Metro Smoke Death

Duration 55

A woman has died and dozens more were rushed to hospitals after some sort of fire in Washington DC's metro system. Smoke filled the city's busy L'Enfant [lawn-fon] plaza after some sort of issue possibly an electrical problem. Firefighters were able to put the fire out, but that only happened after many passengers breathed in the smoke for up to 40 minutes. This video shows what it was like on the trains which were stopped but not evacuated immediately. Kenner Brent a DC Metro passenger said "It was a pretty bad situation. There were a lot of people who were in a panic mode. And a lot of people helping to calm them down, there were very close to a couple of fights, and it was a real disastrous situation. And my question is why Metro didn't just evacuate us first?" Service on many of DC's metro lines were halted all day and the disruptions could continue into tomorrow. The N-T-S-B plans to update the media about what happened later in this hour.

1/14/15 Smartphone Separation

Duration 40

A new study shows you may be mentally and physically dependent on your smartphone. The University of Missouri studied iPhone users. They found anxiety, heart rates and blood pressure all increased when people were not able to answer their mobile devices. They also found it apparently made it hard to think. Study participants did worse on simple word puzzles when separated from their cell phones. So the researchers suggested putting some distance between you and your phone when you don't need it. Keep it close during "periods of stress". Try silencing your phone during times when you'd rather be concentrating on other things so you're not distracted. Also turn the phone completely off before bed to create better boundaries between you and your phone.

2/11/15 Lamar Sidewalks Needed

Duration 55

People who live and work in the North Lamar area, say it's not safe for pedestrians and bicyclists and they want to see improvements. The problems start north of Rundberg, with several stretches where there are no sidewalks. It's one of several major corridors in

Austin that don't have proper sidewalks and crosswalks. People are forced to walk through business parking lots, or take their chances walking on unpaved ground next to the road. "My niece and nephew I don't let them walk by themselves. When we do walk to the store I make sure they're to my right and they're not to my left, so if a car does swerve by, they hit me and not the kids." The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved a million and a half dollar improvement project for this stretch back in 2011, but it's clear work still needs to be done. On KXAN at 10, we'll take a closer look at the problem areas still impacting neighbors, and what the city says they are doing about it.

2/12/15 Infectious Diseases

Duration 1:15

Dr. Philip Huang from Travis County Health watched as the Ebola virus spread through West Africa and touched down in Dallas. "Be prepared and to prevent these things from happening and any investment in that is key." He constantly monitors other diseases like measles, TB, and the flu which he considers more of a threat than Ebola. "These are our core public health activities that we do everyday." "We are trying to address the concerns raised last fall." A new bill from Senator Charles Schwertner, aims to give people like Dr. Huang more tools to protect Texans. Alongside senators and members of the Governor's task force to battle Ebola, Senator Schwertner laid out his plan "The public health and safety of Texas families, is the highest responsibility of the state of Texas." "If passed this session, this bill would allow the Governor to declare a State of Infectious Disease Emergency, allowing DPS to enforce a quarantine control order before it's broken. It also pays for regional stockpiles of personal protective gear and cleans up logistics and lines of communication dealing with contagious waste. "There needs to be that investment and support for these prevention activities so we don't have outbreaks of illness." Dr. Huang hopes the new measures will help keep Texas healthy.

2/13/15 Acevedo Campus Guns

Duration 55

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo is standing by his comments at a state senate hearing. Acevedo spoke against a senate bill that would let people carry guns on college campuses. Chief Art Acevedo says: "Now we're going to create an environment where people are lawfully allowed to carry firearms on campus. We're potentially turning sexual assault victims who we have a lot of resources to help these young people turn the survivors through our victims services and so-forth into potentially murder victims." Those comments led some gun rights advocates to attack the chief online saying he was against crime victims from being able to defend themselves. One group posted this Chief Acevedo says "raped on campus get counseling and get over it." Among those who shared the image the Thrall Police Department's official Facebook account. Acevedo tweeted out today that he was proud to testify. He went on to say don't let them twist his words. That bill now heads to the full senate.

3/16/15 SXSW & Dept. Public Safety

Duration 50

KXAN has learned state tax dollars will pay for Department of Public Safety troopers to stand watch over South By Southwest. South By organizers reached out to the state for

the extra help. Last week, we first told you how Austin Police were planning not only to use extra officers but also to use patrol cars to augment barricades. That meant taking vehicles from outside the downtown. This change happened fast. A couple of weeks ago police told the investigative team they weren't considering asking for help. Asst. Chief Chris McIlvain Austin Police said "Can we move in the direction of putting all this on overtime and maybe having an agreement with some external agencies? There are so many things we can look into. For 2015 obviously we're set. D.P.S plans to have as many as 45 troopers a day to cover barricade duty for Austin Police."

3/19/15 Emergency Flood Staff

Duration 25

Starting tonight on KXAN News on the C-W Austin, The National Weather Service has issued a flash flood watch that will begin 4 pm Friday to 7 pm Saturday. During that time some isolated areas could see up to eight inches of rain. Emergency responders are focused on downtown with all the events happening there. We wanted to know how they would be prepared for flooding emergencies in other parts of the city. Remember our motto "turn around don't drown" which is very sage advice.

3/19/15 Bars Per Capita – No Refusal Enforcement

Duration 35

You might want to take a legal cab or ride share or public transportation this week from downtown. That's because the "no refusal initiative" is now in effect through Sunday morning. Anyone pulled over for suspicion of driving drunk and refuses a breath-alizer, police can get a blood draw warrant on the spot. And, there are many drinking options beyond just South by Southwest. Here is a recent video of Sixth Street with emphasis on showing bars and alcohol shots. The real estate market company Realty Trac announced this week that Downtown Austin has the most bars per capita than any place else in the nation. In the zip code 78701 which encompasses downtown there are 88 bars.