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*QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND
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**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

KPRC Channel 2 News Today at 4:30AM, Monday through Friday, 4:30AM - 7:00AM

Owen Conflenti, Rachel McNeill, Britta Merwin, Jennifer Reyna

This program covers the latest overnight news, weather and traffic.

KPRC Channel 2 News Midday, Monday through Friday, 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Andy Cerota, Sara Donchey, Jennifer Reyna, Britta Merwin, Justin Stapleton

This hour long program covers the latest news, weather, and family oriented community events.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 12:00PM, Monday through Friday, 12:00PM – 12:30PM

Andy Cerota, Justin Stapleton, Britta Merwin

This program covers the latest news and weather.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 4PM, Monday through Friday, 4:00PM - 4:30PM

Keith Garvin, Sara Donchey, Frank Billingsley

This program covers the latest news, weather and health reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 5PM, Monday through Friday, 5:00PM – 5:30PM

Bill Balleza, Lauren Freeman, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 6PM, Monday through Friday, 6:00PM – 6:30PM

Bill Balleza, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 10PM, Monday through Friday, 10:00PM – 10:30PM

Bill Balleza, Dominique Sachse, Frank Billingsley, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News Today, Saturday, 6:00AM – 7:00AM / 9:00AM – 10:00AM

Anoushah Rasta, Sofia Ojeda, Khambrel Marshall

This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 6PM, Saturday, 6:00PM – 6:30PM and 10:00PM – 10:30PM

Syan Rhodes, Jonathan Martinez, Justin Stapleton, Adam Wexler, Lainie Fritz

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News Today, Sunday, 6:00AM – 7:00AM / 8:00AM – 9:00AM

Anoushah Rasta, Sofia Ojeda, Khambrel Marshall

This program covers the latest news and weather reports.

KPRC Channel 2 News at 5PM, Sunday, 5:00PM – 5:30PM and 10:00PM – 10:30PM

Syan Rhodes, Jonathan Martinez, Justin Stapleton, Randy McIlvoy

This program covers the latest news, weather and sports reports.

- **Public Service Announcements and Campaigns**

Public Service Announcements (PSA's) generally vary in length from ten seconds to thirty seconds each and, unless otherwise indicated, appear throughout KPRC-TV's broadcast schedule including primetime.

Backpack Boosters

Youth/ Education

July 17 – August 1

KPRC is teaming up with Kroger and Powerade to make sure kids have the tools they need to succeed through Backpack Boosters. Last year Kroger's Backpack Boosters program helped raise more than \$260,000 worth of school supplies and classroom essentials for students in need. July through August 1, Kroger, Powerade and KPRC invite you to make Backpack Boosters even bigger.

KPRC Metro Phone Bank

City/ Community

August 17

Today Channel 2 is hosting a phone bank with Metro about the future of public transportation in Houston. The agency is working on a long-term transit plan to serve the city through 2040 and wants to hear your input! From 4pm – 6pm you can call in and give your feedback on what upgrades you would like to see in your community!

KPRC HISD Phone Bank

Education/ Health/ City

August 24

We mentioned earlier that HISD has cancelled the first day of school on Monday due to the storm. But we have representatives here in studio from HISD to answer any of your back to school questions from vaccines, to uniforms, to lunch programs. Those representatives will be here until 7pm.

KPRC Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief Raises Millions

Community/ Environment

August 30, 31

KPRC and Telemundo Houston partnered with the American Red Cross to support the Harvey relief effort. We opened the phone lines and viewers delivered, calling in donations of all sizes! Between August 30 and 31, individuals called in pledges of more than a million dollars (\$1,067,358) and donated another \$269,530 online at Click2Houston.com. Corporations stepped up to present checks worth nearly \$3.2 million (\$3,175,000). That's more than \$4.5 million (\$4,511,888.00) pledged to help our neighbors in need! On top of that, a Walmart representative dropped into our studio to present the Red Cross with \$10,000,000 to help the Gulf Coast recover. This relief effort is massive, so remember you can continue to donate by looking for a link on the Click2Houston.com homepage or you can drop your change in the special donation boxes at the register of your local Kroger grocery store. Every bit helps and adds up to a lot of help for victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Culture/ Education

September 1 – 30

Hispanic Heritage Month is underway and we have a list of events in celebration taking place around the Houston area. A Taste from the Archive: Mexican American Food History in Houston at three

Houston Public Library locations -- Central Library, Jungman Neighborhood Library and Park Place Regional Library. Dia De La Hispanidad – 7:30 p.m. at Plena Libre at Miller Outdoor Theatre. Houston Public Library LibroFEST - 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Carnegie Neighborhood Library and Center for Learning.

- **Locally Produced Programs**

Sports Sunday, 10:30pm – 11:00pm

Community/ Culture

Randy McIlvoy, Adam Wexler, Lainie Fritz

This program covers the latest in sports news.

Houston Life, Monday - Friday, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Community/ Culture/ Environment

Derrick Shore, Jennifer Broome

An hour long lifestyle show that will showcase what makes America's fourth largest city a great place to live, work and play.

Houston Newsmakers, Sunday, 10:30am – 11:00am

Politics/ City/ Health/ Education

Khambrel Marshall interviews guests about trending topics in Houston.

Houston Chronicle's Texas Sports Nation, Sunday, 11:00pm – 11:30pm

Community/ Culture

This program airs after Sports Sunday each week. Sports Director Randy McIlvoy along with Houston Chronicle Columnist Jerome Solomon host the show with appearances from the staff.

KPRC Special: Houston Texans Training Camp 2017, Saturday, July 28, 7:00pm – 7:30pm

Community/ Culture

Sports Director Randy McIlvoy takes a closer look at the first days of Houston Texans training camp live from West Virginia

KPRC Special: Jeff Bagwell: Houston to Hall, Saturday, July 29, 7:30pm – 8:00pm

Community/ Culture

We celebrate Jeff Bagwell's career as a Houston Astro on the eve of his induction to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

KPRC Special: Friday Football Frenzy, September 1 – November 17, 10:20pm, 10:34pm

Community/ Culture/ Youth/ Family

Sports Director Randy McIlvoy gives us high school game scores, highlights, cheerleaders, bands and more.

KPRC Special: Fall Football Guide, September 8, 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Culture/ Family

Sports Director Randy McIlvoy gives us pre-game highlights for the Houston Texans and the University of Houston Cougars.

KPRC Special: Texans Game Day, September 10, 8:30am – 9:00am

Culture/ Family

Sports Director Randy McIlvoy give us pre-game highlights for the Houston Texans along with Adam Wexler and Lainie Fritz.

- **KPRC-TV gave significant coverage to the following community issues and concerns during the 3rd quarter of 2017:**

DPS Increase Patrols

City/ Safety

Air Dates: July 1

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 10pm

State law enforcement is out in full force this holiday weekend. The Texas Department of Public Safety is increasing traffic enforcement today through Tuesday, July 4th. DPS troopers will be looking for drunk drivers, speeding, seat belt and other traffic violators. Last year, during the same time period, troopers issued more than 85,000 tickets and warnings.

Fireworks Safety

Culture/ Family/ Safety

Air Dates: July 2, 3, 4

Total Coverage: 18 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm

Fireworks are a big part of celebrating the July 4th holiday. But if you're planning to set some off yourself, there are two questions you need to ask: Am I doing it legally and am I doing it safely? Channel 2's Haley Hernandez has the do's and don'ts that could save you from fines and injuries.

Dangerous Intersection

City/ Safety

Air Dates: July 4, 5

Total Coverage: 7 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am

Only on 2, a dangerous intersection for Houston area drivers, we're talking 4 accidents in just the past month! Now, neighbors are demanding a fix for the area at North Main and east Houston Avenue. Channel 2's Keith Garvin, live there now with what they think needs to be done, to keep them safe.

Texas Legislature, Special Session

Government/ Politics

Air Dates: July 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16 – 26, 28

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 10 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel

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The eyes of Texas are on Austin this month, as the Texas State Legislature reconvened for a special session. Texas Governor Greg Abbott called for the session to resolve several key issues. The first issue, known as Sunset Legislation, involves the funding of key medical agencies in the state. The special session kicked off during the final two weeks of the month. Channel 2 Reporters Ryan Korsgard and Phil Archer split up the coverage during this time. Ryan was the only local reporter at the state Senate, when the bill was passed, shortly after midnight on July 20. Ryan also provided updates on social media overnight. In addition to the Sunset Legislation, lawmakers were also tasked to handle 19 other bills, including one involving citizens using bathrooms tied to the gender of their birth/legal status vs. their gender identity.

HFD Life Safety Audit

Safety/ City

Air Dates: July 6

Total Coverage: 14 minutes

News cast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm

New details in a story Channel 2 Investigates brought you back in March. Houston Fire Chief Samuel Pena will talk about a recent audit of the Life Safety Bureau. Channel 2 Investigates discovered the fire department's records were in disarray, with places like apartment complexes, libraries and city landmarks with no inspections in the last three or four years. Also, an independent study last year found the Life Safety Bureau had no mission statement, no plan and not enough cars for inspectors. That's in addition to no standardized inspection form.

Metro Crime Stats

Crime/ Safety/ Consumer

Air Dates: July 13, 14

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

News cast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am

Robert Arnold investigates crime trends on METRO buses and rail, revealing the types of crime plaguing the transit system.

Nurse Practitioner Clinics

Health/ Consumer

Air Dates: July 19

Total Coverage: 2 minutes

News cast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm

Lauren Freeman reports on growing health care alternative, getting treatment from a nurse practitioner and skipping long wait times at the doctor's office.

State of Houston Hospitals

Health/ Consumer

Air Dates: July 20, 21

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

News cast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am

Health Reporter Haley Hernandez talks to patients and health care experts about the future of health care in Houston and the Texas Medical Center, with recent layoffs, expansions and changes in health care policy.

Houston Recycling Bids

City/ Environment/ Government

Air Dates: July 5, 21

Total Coverage: 25 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm

We're following a breaking news alert concerning curbside recycling for the City of Houston. Mayor Sylvester Turner's office just announced that the city will re-open the bidding process for the city contract for recycling. The mayor will allow the final four bidders who made it to the interview process to submit a new offer. Those companies are: FCC, Republic Services, Waste Management Incorporated and Independent Texas Recyclers. This move comes after the city council raised questions about the prior recycling deal, which included building a new processing facility in northeast Houston.

Judge Green Accusations

City/ Government/ Crime

Air Dates: July 7, 8

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am

A Harris County judge is facing serious allegations of drug abuse and other misconduct. The Texas Supreme Court suspended Judge Hilary Green, a Harris County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 7. According to court documents, a former boyfriend alleges Green had a drug problem and had hired prostitutes. Green's attorneys say these allegations are false. Our legal analyst says a replacement would be named by the commissioner's court.

HCTRA Toll Road Issues

Consumer/ City

Air Dates: July 21, 22

Total Coverage: 5 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday at 6am

We have an update on a story you saw first on KPRC last month, e-z tag card holders, charged extra. Tonight, the Harris County Toll Road Authority says it is working to fix the toll payments for account holders and will make sure no one is penalized. HCTRA is asking customers who received a Texas tag invoice for the month of May of this year, to email them a copy of the invoice, their name, email address, phone number, e-z tag account information and your license plate number. We have a link to their email address on the homepage of click2houston.com.

San Antonio Human Smuggling Case

Immigration/ Crime/ City/ Safety

Air Dates: July 23 – 27

Total Coverage: 50 minutes

Newscast: : KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Our news team traveled to San Antonio on Sunday, July 23, after we learned dozens of immigrants, who paid to sneak into the country were found in a sweltering tractor trailer and ten of them died. Our Brandon Walker spent two days in San Antonio covering what became an important national story.

Houston Texans Training Camp

Culture/ Family

Air Dates: July 24 – 31, August 1, 2, 3, 4

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 12 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

At the end of the month, KPRC Channel 2 News traveled to cover the start of Houston Texans training camp, which for the first time, was held outside of Texas, in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, near the exclusive “Greenbrier” resort. Channel 2 Sports Director Randy McIlvoy and Channel 2 Anchor Keith Garvin traveled to West Virginia to lead our coverage, with several major stories, including the return of JJ Watt, following an injury-shortened 2016 season; the return of Texans player David Quessenberry from cancer; and the quarterback battle between incumbent QB Tom Savage and first round draft pick Deshaun Watson. Keith had a chance to showcase fans who made the long trip from Houston to West Virginia, and to showcase a unique town, very different from Texas. Randy and Keith also showcased a host of material on our social media platforms.

Jeff Bagwell Hall of Fame

Culture/ Family

Air Dates: July 24 – 31

Total Coverage: 1 hour

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Houston Astros fans were excited to see one of their own inducted into Baseball’s Hall of Fame. Channel 2 Sports Reporter Adam Wexler traveled to Cooperstown, to cover the pageantry, the excitement, the events themselves, including a parade and the induction ceremony, plus the fan reaction to one of Houston’s best-known athletes receiving his time to shine.

Back 2 School Haircuts

Family/ Youth

Air Dates: August 1

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am

Remington College is helping send kids back to school looking and feeling their best! The college is hosting its eighth annual Cuts for Kids! It's today through August 31st on its Greenspoint and Webster campuses. Free haircuts will be provided for students 17 years-old and under.

Neil Bush Back to School Drive

Youth/ Family/ Education

Air Dates: August 1

Total Coverage: 4 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm

One of the sons of former President George H. W. Bush will be in Houston today to kick off a Back to School Book and Supply Drive. Neil Bush and his wife, Maria, are co-chairs of the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation. This morning at ten the two will host a special reading of “The Day the Crayons Quit” for kids and their families over at the Square at Memorial City. All month long, the foundation will be collecting new or gently used children's books and school supplies for Spring Branch ISD students in need.

Raising Kind Kids

Health/ Safety/ Education/ Youth/ Family

Air Dates: August 1

Total Coverage: 3 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am

All this month, we're bringing you stories to help you and the kids get ready to head back to school! Today we address one of the top concerns parents have about their kids' health. According to a recent survey published in US News and World Report, bullying is among the top three concerns along with obesity and drug use. Health Reporter Haley Hernandez gives us specific steps parents can take to raise kids who are kind.

HISD New Teachers

Education

Air Dates: August 1

Total Coverage: 8 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm

Over at HISD nearly 1,500 new teachers are preparing for the upcoming school year. Principals welcomed the teachers to the district yesterday and today, they will take part in a new teacher academy. The four day academy begins at 8:30 this morning at Kingdom Builders Center on West Orem. The new teachers will learn about district policy and the importance of social and emotional learning for students.

Bathroom Bill

Legal/ City/ Politics/ Government/ Consumer

Air Dates: August 1, 14, 16

Total Coverage: 34 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm

More pressure this morning to reject the bathroom bill. Wwe are awaiting a response from Texas Governor Greg Abbott after CEOs from more than 50 companies warned of serious consequences if the bill passes. Leaders from the oil and energy industry including Halliburton, BP and Chevron are named in a letter to the governor. It says the bathroom bill will harm the state's reputation and impact economic growth. Leaders from education, banking and mass transit are also named in the letter.

Free Vaccinations

Health/ Youth/ Family

Air Dates: August 3, 4, 14

Total Coverage: 11 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm

The Children's Museum of Houston wants to make sure students have the proper vaccinations before heading back to school. Every Thursday in August, the museum will administer free vaccinations to the first 150 children to arrive for family night. It'll run from 5pm until 7pm. To qualify, parents and guardians will need their child's immunization records. There's no need to pre-register.

Solar Eclipse

Education/ Culture/ Health

Air Dates: August 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 44 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

We had team coverage of the solar eclipse. Robert Arnold at Ellington Airport, the site of one of today's watch parties. Sophia Beausoleil at the University of Houston where students took in all the excitement and Ryan Korsgard traveled to Columbia, MO to cover the eclipse on the campus of the University of Missouri.

John Hernandez Death

Crime/ Legal

Air Dates: August 4

Total Coverage: 9 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm

That breaking news is in the case of a former Harris County Sheriff's Deputy, charged with murder. Channel 2 has learned that Chauna Thompson is appealing her termination by the sheriff's office. We reported last month that the sheriff's office fired Thompson in the wake of the charges. Thompson's husband, Terry, is also charged with the murder of John Hernandez outside a Denny's restaurant in east Harris County. Chauna Thompson was off-duty at the time of the incident. She and her husband are out on bond.

Ferguson 3 Years Later

Crime/ Safety/ Culture/ City

Air Dates: August 7, 22,

Total Coverage: 9 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm

Today marks three years since the riots in Ferguson, MO. The clashes stemmed from the deadly shooting of unarmed 18 year old Michael Brown by Officer Darren Wilson. Wilson was cleared of wrongdoing but the shooting led to months of protests in the St. Louis suburb. Ryan Korsgard traveled to Ferguson to get a closer look at the changes the city has made since the riots years ago.

Monuments Debate

Culture/ Community/ City/ Minorities

Air Dates: August 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23

Total Coverage: 30 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 6am

As the nationwide debate continues over confederate monuments in the wake of this weekend's rally in Virginia, a statue in downtown Houston is becoming the center of a discussion. A local group has started a petition asking Mayor Turner to remove a bronze statue called "The Spirit of the Confederacy" in Sam Houston Park. The petitioners say they don't want to erase the past but they also don't want to glorify it.

Hurricane Harvey

Environment/ Safety/ Community/ Health

Air Dates: August 26 – 31, September 1 – 9

Total Coverage: 144 hours

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

The major story that far and away dominated our news coverage in August, was Hurricane Harvey and the impact it caused in southeast Texas. The entire Channel 2 news team came together to provide our viewers instant information about their public safety before the storm hit. We used every resource on every platform to alert the public of the severity of Hurricane Harvey. We sent three field crews, two working for evening newscasts, one for morning newscasts, to the Corpus Christi metro area, which is where Harvey made landfall. However, once we knew Harvey was going to make its greatest impact on Houston, we moved those new crews back to our city. Channel 2 news daily and continue with wall-to-wall coverage on TV and online from Saturday, August 26 until the overnight hours of Thursday, August 31. In addition to covering the storm itself, we shared with viewers multiple rescues of people who needed saved from their homes. We also showed how Houstonians trying to help their fellow neighbor during the beginning of the cleanup. Our station also held a phone bank with the Red Cross, which raise more than \$4 million in relief funds. Houstonians also responded to our coverage by making Channel 2 news Houstonians most watched station during the height of the storm, during several key time periods, including primetime. Coverage of the storm was an "all hands on deck" situation and our news team rose to the occasion.

HISD Damage Tour

Education/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: September 2, 11, 25

Total Coverage: 10 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7am

Thousands of students will not be starting the new year at their assigned schools once classes resume on September 11th. In fact, more than 200 out of HISD's 300 schools have flood damage. Today HISD and Texas Education Agency officials are touring the schools to survey the damage. Channel 2's Anoushah Rasta was there.

Texting and Driving Ban

City/ Politics

Air Dates: September 6, 7, 10

Total Coverage: 8 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 10am

Joel Eisenbaum reports on the state's new texting and driving ban and the challenges to come with enforcement.

Hurricane Irma

Environment/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: September 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Total Coverage: 1 hour 50 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Shortly after Harvey hit Houston, Hurricane Irma took aim at Florida. We sent reporter Brandon Walker to Florida, to cover the second major hurricane to hit American soil within a month. Brandon began his reporting in Miami, and traveled to Central Florida, as the storm moved from the east coast of Florida, to the west coast of the state. Even though we are still cleaning up from Harvey, any tropical system is of high interest to our viewers, which made sending a crew a simple decision.

Mexico City Earthquake

Environment/ Safety/ Health

Air Dates: September 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Total Coverage: 1 hour, 54 minutes

Newscast: : KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Much of our audience in Houston have family ties to Mexico, so when a major earthquake hit Mexico City on September 18, we immediately sent Sophia Beausoleil to the scene. Sophia was the first local reporter to get on the air with the damage and devastation. Sophia reported from Mexico City for three days, focusing on the efforts to help people who lost everything.

PTSD After Hurricane Harvey

Health/ Safety

Air Dates: September 11, 12

Total Coverage: 6 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am

Haley Hernandez covers the issue of flood victims facing PTSD after Harvey and how to spot the signs and get the best treatment.

Mobile Wellness Units

Health/ Family/ Environment/ Safety

Air Dates: September 11, 12, 15

Total Coverage: 14 minutes

News: KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm

Harris County Public Health is taking much needed services and supplies right to the communities recovering from Hurricane Harvey. Mobile wellness units have been set up at Kingwood Second Baptist Family Life Center on highway 59 in Kingwood. They got there about 90 minutes ago and will be there until 5pm today. The mobile wellness units are offering several free services, including immunizations, dental screenings and free pet food and microchipping.

Mayor Turner Tax Hike

Consumer/ City/ Politics

Air Dates: September 11, 12, 13, 20, 25, 26, 27, 30

Total coverage: 1 hour, 56 minutes

News: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner has a plan to help the city recover from Hurricane Harvey's floodwaters. It's a proposed emergency property tax increase but that's not sitting well with taxpayers. The plan calls for a nine-percent property tax hike for twelve months. After a few weeks since Mayor Sylvester Turner announced the property tax hike he is withdrawing his proposed property tax increase because Governor Greg Abbott presented the city with a check for 50 million dollars. The mayor and the governor had sparred over using money from the state's rainy day fund to pay for recovery efforts in Houston. The mayor says the emergency provision he considered activating would have raised about the same amount funds as the state's check, meaning his proposed tax increase is no longer needed.

HPD Training Center

Safety/ City

Air Dates: September 12, 13, 17

Total Coverage: 7 minutes

News: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 10am

Robert Arnold travels to Ft. Worth to tour their police department's special training center and explains why HPD is hoping to build a similar facility in Houston.

Shannon Miles Guilty Plea

Legal/ Crime/ Community

Air Dates: September 13, 14

Total Coverage: 15 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7am

Shannon Miles pled guilty to the charge of capital murder in exchange for a life sentence with no chance for parole. It was a plea bargain worked out over the last few days with the approval of Deputy Darren Goforth's family. We asked defense attorney Anthony Osso if Miles ever expressed any motive for the killing. Osso said because of Miles' mental state he cannot remember anything that happened that night. This was a controversial case that seemed to be heading for trial, but over the last couple of days the attorneys worked a plea deal that puts Shannon Miles away for life, but spares him from the death penalty. It also leaves a big question in the case unanswered.

The aftermath from Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico

Environment/ Safety/ Community

Air Dates: September 18 - 30

Total Coverage: 2 hours

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7:00am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 News 12pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 5pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6am and 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Saturday 6pm and 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 8am/ KPRC Channel 2 News Sunday 5pm and 10pm

Following the devastation from Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, reporter Ryan Korsgard was offered a rare opportunity; he was offered the chance to fly to Puerto Rico on a plane flying in relief supplies. Ryan flew to Puerto Rico on Wednesday, September 27 and spent three days reporting on efforts to help the island, which lacked electricity, and other basic supplies. Ryan was the only local reporter given the chance to fly to Puerto Rico, which was an especially rare opportunity, since domestic travel was still restricted, at the time, of the trip.

Houston Fire Department Flooded Equipment

Safety/ City

Air Dates: September 18, 19, 21

Total Coverage: 8 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC channel 2 News 6pm

Tough times for the Houston Fire Department. It lost more than two dozen vehicles to Hurricane Harvey's devastating flooding and dozens more emergency vehicles need maintenance work. Channel 2 Investigates has learned our city of more than two million is protected by just six, city owned, rescue boats. You'll recall city leaders pleaded with the public for boats to help with rescues at the height of the flooding. Investigator Joel Eisenbaum is revealing the state of the city's emergency fleet, what can be done to help, and how quickly we can expect to see vehicles back in service.

Harvey Impact on Real Estate

Consumer/ City/ Community

Air Dates: September 21, 22, 25

Total Coverage: 9 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC channel 2 News 4:30am – 7am

Andy Cerota talks to real estate experts about the impact Harvey is having on the home sales market.

Hurricane Harvey Environmental Impact

Environment/ Safety/ Community/ City

Air Dates: September 26, 27

Total Coverage: 10 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 10pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 11am/ KPRC Channel 2 New 6pm

Investigative Mario Diaz reveals massive releases of toxic pollution across the Houston area after Hurricane Harvey.

Hurricane Harvey High Water Bills

City/ Consumer

Air Dates: September 27, 28

Total Coverage: 8 minutes

Newscast: KPRC Channel 2 News 6pm/ KPRC Channel 2 News 4:30am – 7am

As the area recovers from Hurricane Harvey, some Houstonians are telling us they're shocked at their water bills since the storm. Some of them say their bills have almost doubled even though they're not living in their homes. Nancy Lawrence was rescued from her home during the storm. She says her water bill was more than \$300.00. The city said she used 22 thousand gallons of water in 14 days, and she says her story isn't the only one in her neighborhood.