

WAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SECTION 6: Community Issues

July, August, September 2012

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Community Issues

### **Crime**

Crime remains one of the top concerns among people in the Decatur-Springfield-Champaign DMA.

WAND continued its focus on covering crime by keeping people abreast of crimes around their areas. WAND also conducted a number of investigations into government fraud, scams targeting the elderly population, and daily crimes.

### **Government**

As the election draws closer, WAND made certain to inform viewers on issues necessary to make educated decisions on election day.

Issues covered included, but were not limited to: video gambling, conceal-and-carry legislation, and pension reform.

### **Education**

Everyone is affected by the recession; education is no exception. WAND covered a number of issues ranging from teachers' salaries to bullying.

### **Economy & Jobs**

Economic issues were among the top issues covered by WAND. Gas prices, what cities are doing to save money, and what politicians are doing to create jobs were among the topics that received a lot of attention.

### **Health and Public Safety**

Health and public safety stories were abundant during the third quarter. "Stranger danger," the emergence of West Nile Virus, and Athlete concussions were among the issues receiving attention.

### **Military**

Among the top issues covered by WAND was the unveiling of a new veterans' monument, which was drawing visitors even before it opened. A number of fundraisers benefiting veterans and homecomings were also covered.

### **Performing Arts & Charitable Events**

Central Illinois once again proved itself to be very resilient when faced with hard economic times. WAND covered a number of fund raisers that benefited Goodwill stores, Special Olympics, veterans, and area schools.