

WAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SECTION 6: Community Issues

October, November, December 2012

4th Quarter

Community Issues

Crime

Crime remains a top concern with people living in the Decatur – Champaign – Springfield areas. During the holiday season, each area experienced an uptick on crime. A variety of shootings and searches for suspects were included in our coverage.

Government

The looming fiscal cliff and our lame duck session's priorities were heavily showcased in the 4th quarter.

Education

Education is a focal point of WAND News coverage. We covered hot topics like bullying and fighting that is taking place at bus stops.

Economy & Jobs

The job outlook continued to improve during the 4th quarter, but it remains to be seen whether the growth was purely seasonal. Gas prices dropped during the 4th quarter.

Health and Public Safety

The flu season hit the area hard during the 4th quarter. Public safety was at the forefront of our coverage. Cracking down on drunk driving and distracted driving received a lot of attention.

Military

Fundraising for veterans' causes and efforts by the state to help veterans looking for work were covered heavily.

Performing Arts & Charitable Events

During the holiday season, a number of organizations and individuals opened their doors and their wallets to help the economically disadvantaged. WAND's annual Spirit of Giving campaign collected more than 2800 toys in one day.