

## **WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – July 10, 2016**

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 2's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

### **Programs**

CBS 2 News This Morning, CBS 2 News at Noon, CBS 2 News at 5:00, CBS 2 News at 6:00, CBS 2 News at 11:00, CBS 2 News Saturday, CBS 2 News Sunday - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

McLaughlin Group - Regularly scheduled half-hour show featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

Eye on New York – half hour weekly broadcast featuring community events, health, politics, technology, education, and entertainment, and will also discuss the most talked about news stories of the week. Sunday, 6:30 a.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements- WCBS-TV continues its tradition of airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations such as,” March of Dimes, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, The Valerie Fund, Partnership for Drug Free Kids, A Safer City, The Make-A-Wish-Foundation of Metro New York, Food Bank NYC, New York City Department of Transportation Vision Zero, New Alternatives for Children, Catholic Charities, City Harvest, Texting and Driving, Project Roadblock (drunk driving prevention), Ad Council, and United Way.



**Health:** Topics in this category include: The Zika virus has infected a total of six people in the state of Connecticut; More than six dozen children in New York City have been affected with the Chicken Pox since March; Governor Cuomo proposed a legislative deal to extend breast cancer screenings in more than 200 facilities in New York.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 5/3 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a new study that found an increase in the number of American children suffering from chronic health problems such as Asthma and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). The study also found that children living in poverty who had one of these conditions were twice as likely to also suffer from conditions like Epilepsy, Autism or developmental delays. This study was conducted by the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 5/6 Anchor Mary Calvi reports the U.S. government has announced there will soon be new rules for E-cigarettes. The Food and Drug Administration announced it is banning sales to minors. The products already on the market will need to get FDA approval and manufacturers of the product will be required to place health warnings on packages and detail product information. The E-cigarette industry is referring to the new rules as time consuming and costly. 5/17 Anchor Mary Calvi reports New Jersey lawmakers have introduced bills directing doctors to limit the amount of Opioid medications to minors due to the nationwide epidemic. 5/17 Anchor Chris Wragge reports according to the New York City Health Department that more than six dozen children have been affected with Chicken Pox since March. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 5/18 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports a guest sick with Norovirus, may have sickened dozens of people after visiting the Swan Club of Roslyn Harbor in Long Island. Nassau County's Health Department ordered the club to close while they conducted emergency testing to isolate the source. More than 100 people who attended events there are now showing symptoms of fever, chills and vomiting and some even landed in emergency rooms. Health officials are now working with the catering hall to determine the exact cause so the club can be disinfected in time for upcoming events. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 4/25 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on a push for the Food and Drug Administration to fast track a new Muscular Dystrophy drug called Eteplirsen. This medication has been found to stop and even reverse the effects of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. If this condition is left untreated, the disorder weakens the muscles of young boys until they can no longer move or breathe. Most patients affected with the disorder end up in a wheelchair by the age of 12. 6/13 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on a legislative deal announced by Governor Cuomo that will extend screening hours at more than 200 facilities to allow better access for breast cancer screenings for women in the state of New York. The governor has made fighting cancer a priority after his girlfriend's successful breast cancer treatment. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 4/23 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports on a new study that found elder adults are most at risk of dying from the Flu. According to new research conducted at Yale University the study found the body's own immune response rather than the virus itself may be the primary cause of the flu deaths.



Seniors reportedly account for 90 percent of Flu cases worldwide. 5/14 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports on two new Zika cases that have been diagnosed in Connecticut and one of the patients is pregnant. The state's department of health said the pregnant patient got sick last month after traveling to Puerto Rico and the other infected woman got sick after visiting the Dominican Republic. The two new cases reported bring the total number of Zika patients in Connecticut to six. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 6/26 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports on a troubling report across New York City about lead contaminated water in day care centers. Comptroller Scott Stringer said the city health department inspectors faked test results at dozens of centers. Stringer announced of the 110 day care center audited over the span of two years 70 were not actually tested. The health department has addressed water test reporting issues that dated back to 2012 stating "All child care centers have been tested for lead in water and for parents' peace of mind we will soon post the status of each test online."

**Government and Politics:** Topics in this category include: Senator Charles Schumer announced a plan to reward anyone for tips on social media regarding terrorist attacks; Mayor de Blasio has hired an additional 25 thousand employees since taking office in January of 2014 which is cause for a long-term fiscal problem; 800 thousand dollar safety improvements have been made to a New Jersey railroad crossing.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 4/12 Anchor Chris Wragge reports the New York Taxi and Limousine Commission is considering enforcing all of their drivers to prove they are physically healthy by requiring annual physicals. This new proposal is in response to a number of deadly accidents. 4/22 Anchor Chris Wragge reports former New York Assembly Speaker, Sheldon Silver's family have submitted letters to the judge ahead of his sentencing for corruption. Prosecutors are asking for a sentence of at least 15 years. 5/4 Anchor Mary Calvi reports the famed Stonewall Inn located in Greenwich Village will become the first national monument dedicated to gay rights. Sources said President Obama is preparing to approve the proposal after a public meeting that took place in Manhattan. The land beneath the building would be transferred to the federal government. The bar was the site of the 1969 riots that gave birth to the gay rights movement. Gay pride celebrations next month commemorate the Stonewall Rebellion. 6/30 Anchor Mary Calvi reports that Chris Christie's law firm has confirmed they have Chris Christie's cell phone and are handing it over to the government to be part of the Bridge gate Scandal investigation after it was subpoenaed.



**CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 4/18 Anchor Mary Calvi reports the Obama Administration reportedly would like Congress to block a bill that could allow victims of the 9-11 attacks to sue Saudi Arabia and other governments possibly connected to the attacks. The New York Times reports Saudi Arabia has told the Obama Administration it will sell 750 billion dollars in American assets if this bill is passed. President Obama is traveling to Saudi Arabia this week as the controversy builds up over this bill. The Saudi government denies any role in the 9-11 attacks. Fifteen of the nineteen 9-11 hijackers were Saudi Nationals. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 4/22 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on a dangerous New Jersey railroad crossing that has had more than a dozen crashes including one fatality since 2006. The railroad crossing on Midland Avenue in Elmwood Park has been named among the fifteen worst in the country. The State Department of Transportation has made up to 800 thousand dollars in safety improvements and hope the upgrades will get the crossing off of the most dangerous list soon. 5/17 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on the Citizens Budget Commission who announced Mayor de Blasio has hired an additional 25 thousand employees since taking office in January of 2014. This is an eight point four percent jump in the number of people collecting city paychecks and about a third of the new jobs are in the Department of Education which added 6,275 positions. The NYPD added just over three thousand. Watchdogs have concerns the added workers could pose a long-term fiscal problem for the city. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 5/9 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on "Transportation Armageddon," a term Senator Charles Schumer is referring to the new study from government reform advocacy group "Common Good" which finds a 25 percent chance the 106-year-old rail tunnels between New York and New Jersey will have to close for repairs before a new one is built. This would cut rail traffic into the city by 75 percent at peak hours. The existing Hudson River tunnel was damaged during Superstorm Sandy and Amtrak has stated its two tubes will have to close eventually for repairs. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 5/6 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports job hiring is slow in April. The Labor Department announced only 160 thousand jobs were added which is the lowest it has been in seven months. Economists were expecting 200 thousand hires. However, a loss of government jobs was offset by an increase in the private sector. The unemployment rate remains unchanged at five percent. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 4/23 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports on an update in the iPhone Data case against Apple in which the Justice Department said it withdrew a request to force the company to reveal data from a cell phone linked to a New York drug case. The government told a Brooklyn judge that someone provided the passcode to the iPhone. Authorities had asked a judge for an order requiring Apple's cooperation. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 4/10 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports Senator Charles Schumer is pushing new legislation that would offer a reward for any social media tip that helps law enforcement thwart a terror attack in the United States. Schumer has suggested the reward to be between 25 thousand and 25 million dollars. The legislation will be introduced later this month.



**Education:** Topics in this category include: the death of a second grader at Greenvale Elementary School was an isolated event and the County Health Department assured the school it was safe to return; Students in New Jersey were prevented from completing their PARCC testing due to technical issues; Some parents are not pleased with their child's fall placements for NYC's free universal pre-K program; A proposal by New Jersey Education leaders have set a series of hearings for school to start later for middle and high school students.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 4/25 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on the death of a second grader at Greenvale Elementary School in Eastchester who died suddenly. The school had grief counselors on hand for students and faculty. The Westchester Health Commissioner said preliminary findings showed the child's death to be an isolated event. The superintendent of the school said the County Health Department assured them the school is safe for everyone to return. 4/11 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on the New Jersey Board of Education voting on a transgender bathroom policy in Pascack Valley. If the policy is passed it would allow transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms based on their gender identity, not their gender at birth. Some parents have opposed this policy. 5/10 Anchor Mary Calvi reports placement letters were sent out for this fall's free, universal pre-K program in New York City and some parents are not pleased. The Department of Education stated that 85 percent of families received an offer for a spot at one of their top three choices, the rest were offered spots in different districts or boroughs. City officials said a child would never be placed in another borough but at least two cases of that have been reported. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 4/21 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports schools across New Jersey are expecting to resume PARCC testing today after a major technical problem yesterday. A computer glitch prevented students from logging in to the exams. The company that administers the tests has solved the issue and apologized. The state education commissioner said the shutdown and delay were totally unacceptable. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY** 5/1 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports on a proposal by New Jersey Educational leaders set to launch a series of hearings regarding the time school begins. A proposal is on the table for middle and high school students to start classes later in the day. Those who favor this proposal cite the American Academy of Pediatrics which recommends classes begin no earlier than 8:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held in Camden County with a final meeting set to take place in Jersey City.

**Consumer:** Topics in this category include: Takata airbags has recalled a total of 69 million car airbags because they can explode or cause injury marking the biggest recall in U.S. history; A Long Island bakery recalled packaged cookies sold in 7-Eleven's in NY for not containing peanut allergy labels;



**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 4/11 Anchor Mary Calvi reports that 67 puppies were found crammed into crates in a van behind the Just Pups pet store in Paramus New Jersey. The store was closed by the New Jersey board of health after the puppies were discovered and the owner is suing Paramus to lift the order that shut his store. 4/14 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports Microsoft is suing the U.S. government over privacy rights. The tech company claims the Justice Department is abusing the Electronic Communications Privacy Act to get customers emails and other files stored on Microsoft servers. According to Microsoft, the government demanded customer information 56 thousand times over the past year and a half. Microsoft officials said it violates free speech rights and protection against reasonable searches. 4/27 Anchor Chris Wragge reports a Long Island bakery has issued a recall of packaged cookies sold at 7-Eleven stores in New York. The cookies may contain peanuts and do not contain a labeled allergy warning. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 4/13 Anchor Chris Wragge reports thousands of Verizon landline phone and cable workers have gone on strike across the north east. Verizon employees have decided to strike to take a stand against the company for skimping on health care benefits and trying to outsource jobs. A rally took place in Midtown Manhattan. 4/21 Anchor Mary Calvi reports Volkswagen has reached an agreement with the government to fix its diesel cars which were rigged to cheat on emissions tests. The deal reached will give consumers who bought 600 thousand vehicles the option of a buyback or a fix and to provide substantial compensation to car owners. The deal comes after car owners and the Department of Justice sued the company in September for intentionally cheating on emissions tests. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 5/4 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on the largest safety recall in U.S. history for Takata airbags. The recall has totaled to 69 million airbags as they could explode and/or cause injury. The transportation department announced it will take until 2019 to replace all of the airbags.

**Crime:** Topics in this category include: an 11-year-old boy charged for arson and a hate crime for setting fire to an empty school bus outside a Jewish school in Crown Heights; A 16-year-old female was killed by her classmate on prom day in Milford, Connecticut; A brutal attack on a 59-year-old male by three teenagers in Queens.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 4/4 Anchor Mary Calvi reports NYC Police Commissioner Bill Bratton and Mayor Bill de Blasio held their monthly briefing on crime statistics today. 5/5 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on an arraignment for a Bronx male accused of hitting two police officers with a car in Westchester and then drove off. This male is facing two felony counts of assault on a police officer. Police said he was drag-racing when he slammed into two Mount Pleasant officers in November. The injuries to the officers were not life threatening.



**CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 4/12 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on a fatal stabbing in Manhattan on the Upper East Side. 4/25 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports a man was arrested for selling fake Bruce Springsteen concert tickets at the Barclays Center. 4/30 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on three teenagers wanted by the NYPD in connection to an alleged hate crime in Queens. 5/10 Anchor Mary Calvi reports an 11-year-old boy from Brooklyn has been charged with arson as a hate crime for allegedly setting fire to an empty school bus outside a Jewish school in Crown Heights. Police are still searching for the other boys accused in the attack. 6/4 Anchor Mary Calvi reports a manhunt is underway after a woman was violently robbed in the East Village. Police said a 21-year-old female was tackled to the ground before the suspect ran off with her purse. 6/9 Anchor Mary Calvi reports a Long Island man accused of more than two dozen knifepoint robberies was arraigned in Federal Court in Central Islip. Police said the 24-year-old male is behind a crime spree that started back in March targeting dozens of chain restaurants in Queens and Long Island.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 4/11 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on a Rutgers University student who was shot and killed in his off campus apartment along with his former roommate who is listed in critical condition. 4/29 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on a crime spree in Long Island where a suspect has been stealing garage door openers and burglarizing homes. 5/6 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on a home health care worker in Queens who is accused tying an elderly patient up while in her care. A surveillance picture showed the patient restrained with bed sheets the camera was set up by her daughter who recorded the abuse. The patient is 69 years old and suffers from Dementia. The home health care worker was charged with unlawful imprisonment.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 5/12 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on Dean Skelos, a former Senate Majority Leader along with his son Adams were both convicted last year of bribery and extortion charges. They were both sentenced by a judge Dean Skelos received five years in prison and was ordered to pay a half a million dollar fine and his son Adam was sentenced to six and a half years. 6/6 Anchor Dana Tyler reports a Molotov cocktail was thrown into an open window of a historic church on Staten Island. This case is being investigated as a hate crime. 6/17 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on a predator NYPD are searching for responsible for assaulting several women in and around Kissena Park in Flushing. Victims have reported being grabbed and groped by the man.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 4/6 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on the death of a 63-year-old man who was run over by his own vehicle driven by a 24-year-old male who had stolen the vehicle. The victim was killed in front of his business in Greenwood Heights. Investigators said surveillance video outside the business showed the victim was mowed down when he got into a confrontation with the suspect. 6/6 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports a 16-year-old female was killed on her prom day by a classmate in Milford Connecticut. 6/14 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on a shooting at a popular Upper West Side grocery store, Zabar's. 6/20 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on a brutal attack on a 59-year-old Muslim man in Queens. Three teenage suspects are under arrest after leaving the victim with a concussion and fractured bones in his face and chest. The suspect in custody is 14 years of age.



**CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 6/18 Anchor Cindy Hsu report a 17-year-old male was stabbed and killed in the Bronx. The victim was just days away from graduating high school. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 5/22 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports on a brutal beating of a transgender woman in Park Slope Brooklyn. The NYPD are searching for three men accused of committing this crime.