

## **WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – January 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 CBS Cares “I Have A Dream Foundation,” Cerebral Palsy Foundation, Safer City Campaign, Partnership for Drug Free Kids, 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 city cannot impose the requirement for parents to vaccinate their preschoolers with the flu shot before attending public care programs; New guidelines for mammograms have been announced for the first time in 12 years by the National Cancer Society; Death of a female student from Ithaca College from a brief illness is being investigated by the New York State Health Department.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 10/19 Anchor Chris Wragge reports that researchers from Rowan University may have detected a new way to diagnose Alzheimer's disease through a blood test. The test could detect proteins associated with the brain disorder that will help doctors diagnose the disease early and possibly slow its progression. 10/26 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on a health watch warning about meat and cancer risk. The World Health Organization has found that processed meats such as ham and sausage can lead to colon and other cancers. A new study found eating 50 grams of processed meat each day can increase the risk of such cancer by 18 percent. 11/9 Anchor Chris Wragge reports New York Senator Charles Schumer wants the FDA to investigate a new caffeinated peanut butter, called STEEM. A single serving of the product contains five times more caffeine than a can of Coke and may pose a real health threat. The product is mostly sold online and at some fitness centers and small shops in Connecticut and Massachusetts. 12/1 Anchor Chris Wragge reports diners should see salt icons on their menus in New York City in the latest move to try and improve health and sodium intake. 12/18 Anchor Mary Calvi reports that NYC will not require parents of preschoolers to get their child vaccinated with the flu shot. A judge blocked a city health department policy which would have taken effect December 31<sup>st</sup>. The old policy required children ages six months to five years to be vaccinated with the flu shot before attending public care programs. Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Manuel Mendez ruled the city cannot impose the requirement without approval from the state legislature. City health officials plan to appeal. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 10/21 Anchor Mary Calvi reports for the first time in 12 years the American Cancer Society is changing its breast cancer screening recommendations. The new guidelines say age 45 is best for beginning yearly mammograms for women with an average risk for breast cancer. Then, at age 55 it is recommended every two years, part of the reason is to cut down the harm mammograms can cause such as over diagnosis and unnecessary surgeries. The new guidelines are not for those at high risk for breast cancer and patients should still discuss all screenings and treatment options with their doctor. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 10/20 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on a chemical found in nail polish and its impact on women. Duke University and the Environmental Working Group found women have higher levels of triphenyl phosphate in their bodies 10 to 14 hours after painting their nails. New Jersey Congressman Frank Pallone is now calling for Legislation to allow the FDA review its use. 11/12 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on the death of an Ithaca College student is being investigated by New York State's health department. The female was a junior of Mahwah New Jersey. The school says she died yesterday after a brief illness.

Health officials say preliminary tests do not show a bacterial infection but they say anyone who shared drinking or eating utensils with her should see a doctor for antibiotics out of an abundance of caution. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 10/28 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on a small new Australian study that suggests a nasal spray containing Oxytocin, the so called “love hormone” could help improve social skills in children with Autism. Oxytocin is produced naturally by the body and has been linked to social ties like romance and the bond between a parent and child. The study included 31 Autistic children, those who got nasal spray twice a day for five weeks showed significant improvement in social, emotional, and behavioral problems. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 11/22 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports on the Pennsylvania parents of a baby with a rare brain tumor who was kissed by Pope Francis in Philadelphia during his Papal Parade back in September. The parents are calling the kiss “Miracle on Market” as they’ve stated since the kiss from the Pope their daughter’s health has drastically improved.

**Government and Politics:** Topics in this category include: Mayor de Blasio unveiled a plan to help the city’s homeless problem that will take 15 years to build and will cost two point six billion dollars; Governors Cuomo and Christie announced an agreement on two new tracks to begin being built between Newark and Manhattan and members of Congress joined Mayor de Blasio in support of an extension on the Zadroga Act.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 10/20 Anchor Mary Calvi reports Mayor de Blasio is expected to sign a bill to crack down on the synthetic drug K2. The law criminalizes the manufacture, possession with intent to sell and sale of K2. It will also allow the city to revoke or suspend cigarette dealer licenses to merchants if they’re caught selling K2, also known as synthetic Marijuana. Back in April, health officials say K2 was responsible for 150 emergency room visits across New York City in just a one week period. 11/5 Anchor Chris Wragge reports Mayor de Blasio is headed to Puerto Rico. This afternoon the mayor of New York will take part in a march calling for more federal health care funding for island residents. 11/9 Anchor Mary Calvi reports members of Congress joined Mayor de Blasio to support an extension of the Zadroga Act, the bill that’s provided help for thousands of 9/11 first responders sickened after working at Ground Zero. New York Senator Kristen Gillibrand appeared on “Face the Nation” and called on Congress to act. The federally funded health program that provided screening and treatment expired on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Yesterday, Former NYPD Lieutenant Marci Simms was laid to rest. She spent four months working at the World Trade Center and died of Lung cancer. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 11/3 Anchor Mary Calvi reports lawmakers and first responders at Ground Zero are blasting a proposal in Congress that offers only a temporary extension for 9/11 related health care. Critics say the proposals to extend the Zadroga Act for five years would underfund the program for 9/11 responders. They say survivors would face cuts in services and health care compensation. They want the act to be made permanent.

11/10 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on the fast food workers rally which is being billed as the largest rally to date. Employees are fighting for minimum wage to increase to 15 dollars. Hundreds are expected at demonstrations in Harlem, The Financial District and Brooklyn. 11/16 Anchor Mary Calvi reports New Jersey is holding its first ever legislative hearing on the potential legalization of Marijuana. A democratic lawmaker has proposed a bill to legalize, regulate and tax the drug. The judiciary committee will hear from clergy, health professionals and law enforcement officials but we're told today will be dominated by supporters of the bill. They say arresting Marijuana users costs the state over 100 million dollars a year and ruins lives with criminal records. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 11/12 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports Governor Cuomo signed legislation yesterday that will speed up access to medical Marijuana but it's only for people facing degenerative diseases and the threat of serious health risks. Under the measure, the state will work with regulated producers who can provide Marijuana to patients as soon as possible. New York's medical Marijuana program is expected to be operational in January. 12/21 Anchor Kristine Johnson reported on an audit released by New York City's Comptroller Scott Stringer's on the Department of Homeless services. The report showed there are 14 staffers in charge of 12 and a half thousand families. Auditors reported children are placed in apartments with very poor living conditions such as mold, rodents and even broken windows. The audit results came just days after the Homeless Services Commissioner stepped down. 10/15 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports that today is the deadline for property owners affected by Superstorm Sandy, to request a claim for review by the federal government. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is already reviewing 16 thousand claims. More than 144 thousand homeowners had damage in the October 2012 storm and many claimed they were underpaid. The government says 75 percent of those property owners are eligible for additional payments. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 11/12 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports the plan to build a new rail tunnel under the Hudson River is back on track, Governors Cuomo and Christie announced an agreement today with the federal government for the 20 billion dollar project. A corporation will be created to oversee the building of two new tracks between Newark and Manhattan. Half of the financing will come from Washington and Amtrak, the other half from New York and New Jersey. The current tracks are a century old and deteriorating. The goal is to complete the new tunnel by 2030. 11/18 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports that CBS 2 has reported on the homeless issue in New York City and examples of the homeless camped out with pets, bathing in a fountain and countless homeless people sleeping in Pennsylvania Station. Today, Mayor de Blasio unveiled a plan to address the problem that will cost around two point six billion dollars. The city will build 15 thousand new housing units over the next 15 years that will include on-site treatment services for substance abuse and mental health. Mayor de Blasio said the city will cover one billion of the cost and the rest will come from low-income tax credits and private sources. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 11/7 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports on a battle over property taxes on Long Island. Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano proposed a one point two percent tax hike but the county legislature voted it down and removed it from the 2016 budget.

Mangano has vetoed the measure and put the increase back in the budget. He says the 12 million dollars in revenue the hike would generate is needed for health care costs and adjusted sales tax receipts. The legislature could still vote to override the veto.

**Consumerism:** Topics in this category include: Sanofi recalled thousands of Auvi-Q epinephrine injections since it does not deliver the correct dosage amount; Whole Foods recalled deli pasta and curry chicken salad for the possibility they are contaminated with Listeria and Customers were hit with a three percent surcharge to their bill for a short time at a Brooklyn restaurant due to Obamacare.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 10/25 Anchor Mary Calvi reports Whole Foods recalled bulk and packaged classic deli pasta and curry chicken salad. The company said the products could be contaminated with Listeria. Both were sold in stores in several states including New York and New Jersey between October 18<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>. These items have a sell by date of October 25<sup>th</sup> so far no illnesses have been reported. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 10/29 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on a recall by Sanofi, a New Jersey based pharmaceutical company for hundreds of thousands of Auvi-Q epinephrine injections, used to treat severe allergic reactions. Sanofi issued this recall because the injectors do not deliver the correct dosage of the drug. It affects 490 thousand packs of the devices. 12/2 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on the restaurant in Brooklyn that added a surcharge to customers' tabs has removed the extra charge due to backlash received from customers who felt the extra cost was anti Obamacare. The owners said their intent was misunderstood and they do embrace health care. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 12/1 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports that a restaurant in Brooklyn is blaming Obamacare for its three percent surcharge added on to customers' tabs.

**Crime:** Topics in this category include: NYPD reported NYC's safest October in more than 20 years; A pastor from Covenant Missionary Baptist Church faked his own crime due to personal events in his life; An NYPD officer, 33 years of age was shot and killed in the line of duty, the suspect was caught and charged with the murder.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 10/23 Anchor Mary Calvi reports a nurse who fought Ebola quarantine orders is now suing Governor Christie and the state of New Jersey's Health Department. Kaci Hickox filed a federal civil rights lawsuit in Newark. The 34 year old was working with Doctors without Borders in Sierra Leone during last year's deadly Ebola Outbreak. She was then held in an isolation tent at University Hospital in Newark for three days before she was released back home to Maine. Hickox says she was held against her will.

10/23 Anchor Alex Denis reports that the New Jersey state senate has voted to override Governor Christie's veto of a gun control bill. It is the first time a Christie veto has been overridden. The bill would require prospective gun buyers to notify law enforcement, if they seek to erase mental health records. The state assembly still must vote on the override for it to take effect. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 10/21 Anchor Chris Wragge reports a 33 year old NYPD officer was shot in the head and killed while in the line of duty in East Harlem. The suspect was arrested with multiple gunshot wounds in his leg. 11/3 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a pastor from New Jersey who faked his own attack. The pastor told investigators three masked people attacked him at the new Covenant Missionary Baptist Church when officers found the alleged victim his hands and legs were tied, a cloth stuffed in his mouth, a plastic bag was over his head and a piece of paper with a misspelled Islamic phrase was taped to his chest. Prosecutors say he staged the crime scene due to personal events in his life. 12/9 Anchor Chris Wragge reports a man from Queens claims he was viciously attacked and targeted because of his Muslim faith. The owner of Fatima Food Mart in Astoria said a well-dressed man walked into the store started acting strangely then got violent. A customer stopped the attack and police arrested the suspect and charged him with assault. His intentions regarding the attack and the particular deli are unknown. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 10/16 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports a woman is in police custody and accused of slashing an off-duty NYPD officer in Cunningham Park in Queens. The suspect has been charged with assault and attempted robbery. The off-duty officer was seen on cellphone video walking her dog when she was slashed in the throat. 10/23 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports New York City is on target for a record year of rat complaints to its 311 hotline, exceeding the 24,000 plus reported in 2014. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 10/20 Anchor Dana Tyler reports Mayor de Blasio signed a bill to crack down on the use of synthetic Marijuana known as K2. This new development as some tell CBS 2 stepped up NYPD enforcement but has not stopped the flow of the dangerous drug on the streets. 11/2 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on a store robbery at a Rainbow store in Lindenhurst where customers and store employees were tied up and robbed. Police believe the suspect is responsible for robberies in Babylon, Carle Place and East Meadow since last month. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 11/3 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports the NYPD reported last month was New York City's safest October in more than 20 years. There were fewer murders, 22 fewer rapes were reported and there were 11 fewer shooting incidents. Police Commissioner Bill Bratton said the city is on track to make 2015 its safest year since 1963. 11/23 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on tire slashings and missing rims from several cars from the train station in Maplewood, New Jersey. There are surveillance cameras at the train station but thus far no suspects have been caught in the act. Police suspect the thieves have been targeting Maplewood because many houses do not have garages.