



MEMORANDUM

TO: KNVA Public Files

RE: Issues and Programs Report – Third Quarter 2014
July 1 – September 30, 2014

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The major significant problems and needs of the Austin community are:

- Crime
- Family Values
- Government
- Transportation

Attached are examples of local news reports, public service efforts, local programming, and syndicated programs that have addressed these issues.

PROGRAMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

NAME OF PROGRAM	DAYS AIRED	TIME AIRED
Austin News	Monday - Friday	7:00 – 9:00 AM
Austin News @ 9	Monday - Sunday	9:00 – 9:30 PM

This program is produced locally and is a mix of news, weather and sports. All stories generally air for between 30 seconds and two minutes. All stories aired during KNVA's 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. newscast.

CRIME

7/14/14 Kelley Trial

Duration 1:15

Greg Kelley says "I'd see them mostly when they were playing." Greg Kelley also said that never did he ever have sexual contact with the children at the home daycare where he lived. But Kelley did say there was some friendly contact. Kelley says "I'd go over there, give them a high five, see how they are doing while a couple of kids would run around the kitchen when I'd eat." Kelley told the court he was never alone with the children and the one time he saw a child sleeping in his bed, he asked for the child to be moved. But he said they would sometimes have some harmless fun. Kelley says "they were in hyper mode; they'd jump on me and I'd play with them back." The names and faces of the two alleged victims were familiar to Kelley and he said the two possibly were in a group that would play around. But Kelley said nothing ever reached the point of an inappropriate touch. Greg Kelley says "they'd jump on me, I would let them hang on my arms, but grappling didn't happen."

7/17/14 Malaysia Plane Crash

Duration 40

Nearly 300 people are dead after U-S military officials confirm a Malaysia Airlines plane was shot down over eastern Ukraine. Flight 17 was on its way from Amsterdam to Malaysia when it was hit. We've now learned 298 people were killed in the crash. That's up from 295 because three babies in laps were not originally counted. The Ukrainian government blames rebel groups in the eastern part of the country. Russian President Vladimir Putin, however, says the Ukrainian government is responsible for the crash. Debris is spread over an area of up to ten miles. Malaysian officials say the plane made no distress call before disappearing from radar.

7/19/14 Ukraine Plane Politics

Duration 1:30

There has been some encouraging signs of cooperation today regarding the Malaysia Airlines crash. Vladimir Putin, in a phone call with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, agree that everything must be done to make the international investigation as un fettered as possible. That was followed up with another phone call between Secretary of State John Kerry and his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in which they agreed that both countries will use their influence on the opposing sides in the conflict to end all hostilities. So it sounds like Putin may be finally under pressure from increased sanctions perhaps and the horrible press that he's been getting around the world after the Malasia airlines crash he may finally be deciding to cooperate, but there are many Kremlin watchers even here in Moscow who would call that premature. Frans Timmerman, the Dutch Foreign Minister says "President Putin said he would support this, but we will judge them by their actions and not just by their words." Either he doubles-down on Ukraine and risks major sectorial sanctions in energy for instance which could really hurt him and hurt Russia, or he cuts all ties with the Pro-Russian Rebels and risks seeing his approval rating take a big dive, and it's an astronomical 83% right now according to a recent gallop poll. Jim Maceda from NBC News says that these latest promises from

Moscow sound positive, but the Russian leader has also said in the past that he really has no influence over the Separatists.

8/14/14 Ferguson Missouri Unrest

Duration 1:30

Before sundown, hundreds gathered in the neighborhood where Michael Brown was killed. Capt. Ron Johnson a Missouri Highway Patrolman stated "Just wondering where you're going?" The resident responded "We're going on a quick trip and then we're stopping." Capt. Ron Johnson then said "OK, we just want to make sure we get you there." State Highway patrol officers joined the residents in marching for solidarity in Ferguson, a community torn by recent days of protest. It's the first demonstration since Missouri's governor announced a new strategy. Governor Jay Nixon a democrat from Missouri "The Missouri Highway Patrol, under supervision of Ron Johnson who grew up in this area, is to provide security in Ferguson." Captain Ron Johnson, MO Highway Patrol said "You can stay out here all night. All I ask is that you pull back a little bit." This move seems to have already diffused a lot of frustration in the suburbs of St. Louis. "We're getting more information. Now it seems like the troopers are in our corner. They marched with us today. We appreciate that very much." This was a palatable shift from just earlier in the day and the past four nights of violent confrontations with police that have drawn nationwide attention and calls for calm. President Obama "Now is the time for healing, now is the time for peace and calm on the streets of Ferguson, now is the time for an open and transparent process to see that justice is done." Nicole Huffman a Protester "This is my home. I want peace. That's why I'm out here."

8/15/14 Norwood Appeal Upheld

Duration 25

The capital murder conviction of "Mark Alan Norwood" stands thanks to an appeals court ruling today. Norwood was convicted last year of the 1986 beating death of Christine Morton, thanks to new DNA evidence. You may remember, Christine's husband "Michael Morton" spent more than 24 years in prison for the crime he did not commit. "Norwood" is serving a life sentence and is awaiting trial for another murder in Travis County.

8/15/14 Cleaning Company Sex Assault

Duration 25

The owner of a cleaning and repair business is in jail this afternoon-- after police say he sexually assaulted one of his employees. The company cleans and fixes problems in vacant apartments across Austin. Court documents say it happened at an apartment complex on Avenue A on Wednesday. Authorities say an employee of "Dimas Sanchez, Junior" told them he tried to rape her, but stopped when his cell phone rang, which is when she ran out the door. Sanchez is being held in the Travis County Jail on a 250-thousand dollar bond.

8/19/14 Burnet Double Homicide

Duration 1:15

Burnet County Sheriff's deputies spent an hour outside this home, after deputies found two people dead, with multiple gunshot wounds. Neighbors say the house belongs to Jimmy and Linda Ballard, and that Jimmy is a constable for precinct 3. "I didn't know anything about it until they pulled up and told me there had been a double homicide at their house, and it was torn up pretty bad." Their son, Garrett Ballard, is the suspect and has been charged with capital murder. The arrest report says Ballard and the two victims were using the drug L-S-D at the home. It says Ballard later took the keys to his father's patrol unit, opened the trunk and grabbed the 223 caliber rifle. Police say Ballard shot and killed the two men. We're learning one of the victim's, Elijah Benson, went to Burnet High School. The Superintendent tells me he was very involved with band, and that counselors and pastors were made available for students to speak with them. The other victim was 26-year-old Travis Fox. Neighbors say they're shocked at what happened. "They're just good people, and it's a tragedy what happened to them, it's a shame."

8/19/14 ISIS Journalist Beheaded

Duration 40

The Islamic State of Iraq and Al-Sham or "ISIS" claims to have beheaded an American photo-journalist. This is a still image of the graphic video obtained by NBC News purportedly showing James Wright Foley. Foley was kidnapped while reporting from Syria two years ago as a freelance reporter for the U.S. based news service Global Post who has a partnership with NBC News. In the video, he recited threats against America before he is executed. Foley had actually been kidnapped once before in Libya in 2011 while covering the front lines there. Also in the video, ISIS claims they are holding a second journalist, Steven Joel Soltoff. They threatened to kill Soltoff as well if President Obama doesn't stop air strikes in Iraq.

9/11/14 Wal-Mart Kidnapping

Duration 30

The search is on in San Marcos this morning for a suspect in an attempted kidnapping at a Wal-Mart. Surveillance cameras got pictures of the suspect. It happened Sunday night at around 8:30 at the Wal-Mart on Highway 80. Police believe the man in these pictures approached two pre-teen girls at the store. The girls' father said the man tried to lure them outside of Wal-Mart with a promise of free toys. When the father approached the man left the store. If you have information, call San Marcos Police.

9/12/14 Cedar Park PD on Missing Child

Duration 55

Tonight the mother of 2-year old "Colton Turner" was moved from the Williamson County Jail and booked into the Travis County Jail on a new charge. The move comes after police searching in southeast Austin found a boy's body. 20-year-old "Meagan Work" is charged with "child abandonment or endangerment" which is a felony in Williamson County. Tonight, Travis County authorities charged her with "Tampering with Evidence" and we're told additional charges are pending. This is her new mug shot released just moments ago. Police say Work's story kept changing and didn't add up when they questioned her about her son's whereabouts. Austin and Cedar Park Police

along with the FBI spent hours searching a wooded area at the end of Felter Lane, just off of Burleson Road. A Star Flight helicopter joined in the search, and this is the area where the boy's body was found. Authorities say justice will be done for Colton. Art Acevedo says: "To all the parents out there, we're going to work diligently as a police department to bring justice to a little boy who at 2 and a half, almost 3 years old, should have been enjoying the summer instead of ending up in a shallow grave." Cedar Park Police led the investigation, and within hours of asking for help, they say the FBI quickly stepped in to assist.

9/16/14 Trail Stabbing in SW Austin

Duration 1:15

Bryan Fitzgerald likes to take his dogs on this trail because it's right next to where he lives. He usually feels safe, but after Tuesday morning's stabbing he's a little worried. Bryan Fitzgerald says, "Definitely makes me feel like uneasy, because I've been living here for a while and that's the first I've heard of violence." Austin Police spent the morning taking pictures and trying to piece together what happened. They say two men approached attorney Mark Siefken while he was running. The suspects asked for money but when Siefken said he didn't have any and walked away one of the men stabbed him. Sophia Beausoleil says, "Austin Police are telling residents to be on the look out especially since a lot of apartment complexes just like this one back up into the trail." Bryan Fitzgerald says, "I'll defiantly keep an eye out more just for everyone else sake as well as mine." Sandra Moore also lives near by and was walking her dog not too long after the attack happened. Sandra Moore says, "Very surprising, very surprising, I have lived in this area for six years, and I walk with my dog almost every morning and have never seen anything dangerous." Police say there's never been a crime like this on the hike and bike trail. Now they're focusing on finding the two men who did this.

FAMILY VALUES

7/14/14 Child Locked in Hot Car

Duration 1:00

Taylor Manning says he saw a crowd gathering around a car in the HEB parking lot in Leander on Sunday afternoon. They were just saying things like "code 2 baby locked in a vehicle, baby locked in a vehicle." In the backseat a little girl was locked in the hot car. Taylor says he grabbed a tire iron from his car and smashed the window farthest from the baby. "I hit it, broke through it, reached in and unlocked the car. I then crawled through the glass, unbuckled her and got her out. She was really sweaty. She looked like she was really hot." He says the mother was very upset. "She grabbed the kid and immediately started screaming I'm not a bad mother, I'm not a bad mother. It actually bugged me. I was pretty angry at the time because I was thinking, man, how can you forget your child in the car?" That little girl wasn't the only child left in a car over the weekend in that area. The Liberty Hill fire department responded to a child locked in a hot car here at the CEFCO gas station. Officials say when they responded, the child was locked inside the car with the car running and the A/C on. No charges were filed in either case. In fact no one called authorities regarding the little girl in the HEB parking lot. "It wasn't until after I broke the glass and had the baby out that I heard them say cancel that, the baby's ok."

7/14/14 Domestic Violence

Duration 1:15

"A woman will enter a family violence shelter between 7-9 times before she's able to make a final break and leave her batterer permanently." Executive Director Heather Bellino has worked at the Texas Advocacy Project for nearly a decade. This non profit organization provides free legal services to victims of domestic violence, like getting a protective order against someone. "People may say a protective order is just a piece of paper, but 80 percent of the time it helps you not be re-victimized." While police aren't yet saying much about the 2 people found dead late Sunday night, they do tell us there is a history of domestic violence between them. "Witnesses didn't want to talk on camera but tell me they heard the woman scream just seconds before they heard the gun shots. The Texas Advocacy Project says if you're a victim of domestic violence you must get help before it's too late. It is deadly. it is dangerous. People do need help to get out." Another resource that is available is a new pilot program with Austin Police that targets those with a history domestic violence. Two officers are assigned to serving family violence warrants, and so far they have arrested nearly 2 dozen people.

7/20/14 Pink Houses of Hope

Duration 50

Nearly 40 thousand women died last year due to breast cancer. Today an organization came to town that helps families afflicted with the disease enjoy time with their families. "Little Pink Houses of Hope" uses donations to send families with someone battling cancer on free vacations. One of their volunteers, Kristie McFarling, says that after she was diagnosed with breast cancer, it helped her family deal with the treatments. "To be able to go on a vacation, to go out and have fun and also connect with other survivors across the country, it is really healing. It really gives you a sense that you're not in this alone. It gives you other resources and other people to connect with too. This is the first nationwide tour for the organization. They hope by spreading their name they'll be able to raise more money and help more families.

7/22/14 Immigrants at the Texas Border

Duration 55

Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe says that right now there are no plans in place to make accommodations for these children. But he also says the county would not "run away from the idea." Yet more and more areas in Texas are taking a stance against housing the overflow of Central American immigrants. Today Brazoria County commissioners passed a resolution that bans housing the children. The resolution says the minors could have an adverse effect on local education funding, resources, public health and safety. The resolution follows similar resolutions passed in League City, Galveston County and Marble Falls. However earlier this month, Dallas County identified three North Texas sites that could potentially shelter two-thousand children. Some of them were schools. Denver has also made an offer. As far north as New Jersey, Governor Chris Christie has expressed a willingness to house some of the children.

8/14/14 Google Fiber Update

Duration 55

Austin is hitting another milestone in its Internet speed race. AT&T is rolling out new speeds while Google Fiber is just trying to get up and running. This is a neighborhood AT&T showed us in April that will get its Gigapower service. Grande Communications was the first to get up to the gigabit speeds in Austin, and that's also Google's goal. A search of permits on the city's website for "Google Fiber" turns up about a hundred different permits applications. Today a Google spokesperson gave us a statement saying: "We are working hard to bring Google Fiber to Austin as soon as we can. There's a lot of effort that goes into building a super fast network from scratch, and we want to do it right." Time Warner Cable also increased speeds although not to that one gigabit level. After Austin goes online, Google is already looking at other cities they want to have faster internet. Take a look at this map, you can see the two cities that already have Google Fiber Kansas City, Kansas and Provo, Utah outlined in green. Google says they're looking nine more metropolitan areas including San Antonio, Phoenix, and Atlanta.

8/19/14 Livestrong Donation

Duration 1:15

Today we together take the next step in this bold journey. Anyone who knows Doug Ulman will tell you he's an eternal optimist, and a cancer survivor whose mission is personal. Doug says that we've got such opportunity ahead of us and there are too many people whose lives depend on the work that we do. In April, when a KXAN investigation revealed Livestrong donations were down nearly 40 percent since 2010, and overall revenues had dropped more than forty percent from 2012 to 2013, Ulman was busy looking forward. Doug says "we're super excited about the future. We respect the past and how difficult it has been, but our job and our responsibility to the people we serve is to look to the future. We are re-imagining the future of cancer care." We are still looking to the future. Ulman says the partnership between Livestrong and the University of Texas will transform the cancer experience. Imagine a model of care that starts the second someone hears the words you have cancer and guides them through that entire navigation process. Despite the drops in revenue and donations, a Livestrong spokesperson tells KXAN the Foundation is financially strong. The 50 million dollar donation to UT will be spread out over 10 years built in to their yearly operating budgets and financed by donations, sponsorships and grants.

9/13/14 Round Rock Siblings Die in Accident

Duration 2:00

For a parent, nothing in the world is more devastating than losing a child but imagine losing two children in the same horrific instant. Patrick and Michelle Murphy are living that nightmare. Sometimes, even as journalists we wonder why people in this situation would want to sit down with a camera and a reporter and tell their story, but talking to Patrick Murphy, I quickly learned why. Pat says "When we send our kids off to school, this is one of our worst fears, you want them back and I just can't have that." Pat Murphy likes that the faces of his children are everywhere in their childhood home in Round Rock. But so too are the signs they're gone. Pat picks up a picture of Kylie and says "Everybody that knew her would say what a genuine soul she had just to help people. She

was special and had a special bond. And holding a picture of Ryan Pat stated that he was a fireball who loved life. He was so full of energy, and people would have to get away from him because he had so much. Ryan died on his 20th birthday driving home with his sister to celebrate with his parents. Pat goes on to say "We've all lost two amazing babies which were kids that had the potential to do many great things, and that's the true tragedy in this." But in the tragedy, this family has found comfort in the stories they didn't know and the expressions of sympathy they never could have imagined. Pat also says that one of the reasons why he is doing this is so he can tell all of these people thank you from the bottom of his heart because it actually has helped. In Lubbock earlier this week, a vigil for Ryan and Kylie drew hundreds of people. Their family included big sister Natassia who skyped in from Round Rock. Natassia says "We're overwhelmed with this community, the Lubbock community, with friends of friends, with people that didn't know us but apparently Ryan and Kylie have touched so many lives that we had no idea. Shannon inquired "What else do you need? What can people do?" Pat says "We want for nothing. The two things I need I can't have. But what I do have now is a sense of the true goodness of people, the community of Lubbock where I'm not a part of, but I feel like it's my home now with those people up there. Shannon says "Is there a lesson in this? Is there anything you've taken that you're going to carry forward? Pat responds "Most of my friends have kids that are in school now, and I've been telling them, when you talk to Zach or you talk to James or whoever, when they get strapped in the car, and they're getting on the road and they've got the ear buds in and they're all settled in seatbelts going, and they're getting on the highway, just a couple of seconds, think of Ryan and Kylie and make sure that they get to that driveway.

9/13/14 Texas Heroes for Kids

Duration 40

Tonight, the Texas office for the "National Center for Missing and Exploited Children" hosted a gala called "Texas Heroes for Children." They honored lawmakers and law enforcement educating the public to recognize signs of child abuse. They say the combined efforts of agencies around Texas helps in solving exploitation and missing cases. Robert Almonte says "This is a team effort. Law enforcement couldn't do what we do without the effort of everybody involved with the nation center of Missing and exploited Children. Over the last three decades, the organization says they have reunited nearly 200-thousand missing children with their families.

9/14/14 School Beautification

Duration 45

Hundreds of folks spent their morning trying to clean up the grounds of an Austin elementary school. APD officers joined in completing service projects around Wooldridge Elementary School. They had their work cut out. Commander Donald Baker says: "We picked the school which needed some beautification. They said ok we have several hundred volunteers. As you can see behind us, they came through with a lot of volunteers. There's over 800 people that have come out today." Glen Hancock says: "I wish that all of us that have served here today would be able to be here when the kids come to school on Monday morning and see the transformation." This was part of the

"Restore Rundberg Project" an initiative to lower the crime rate in neighborhoods along Rundberg and increase quality of life.

9/14/14 ER Super Users

Duration 1:50

They launched a system wide computer "HIGH ALERT" program, identifying those they call "ER Super users". An average visit to an ER costs \$2,500 and if you're a regular, it adds up. Why is an ER visit so expensive? Well if they don't know you, if they don't know your case history, they are obliged to do a full work up on each and every patient. Seton identified 5-thousand Super users system wide. Most commonly they are addicts, suffer migraines, or are homeless or mentally ill. They are now permanently listed in the computer bank. Dr. Chris Ziebell, Director of Brackenridge ER "I don't think very many of them want to be abusers of the system. I think a lot of folks don't have other resources or they do but don't know what they are or for whatever reason they prefer this environment to another environment because they feel we've treated them different or better." They can divert those Super users to more appropriate clinics, or at least target their treatment without the great expense cutting down on some of the high cost specialty scans. It's been working and most Super users don't seem to mind. You may know that for you this particular medicine works best so rather than each doctor at random use their favorite drug how about if all the doctors give you the drug that works best for you at the dose that's effective. Thanks to HIGH ALERT, Super user visits and costs are way down. And for the patients, often the disabled, there's an added bonus of getting benefits coverage. We've actually succeeded in getting some people signed up for things like social security and Medicare that would never get that in any other community even though they should clearly qualify for it by the nature of their illness.

GOVERNMENT

7/13/14 Netanyahu on Hamas

Duration 1:05

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that between the lousy accuracy of Hamas rockets and the precision of his country's missile defense system, Israeli citizens have been lucky so far. But Netanyahu says Israel will continue to target Hamas leaders and their missile sites, which are unfortunately tucked in cover among their civilian population. Benjamin Netanyahu also said "Here is the difference between us, we're using missile defense to protect our civilians, and they're using their civilians to protect their missiles. That's basically the difference. They're embedding these rockets that they are firing wholesale into our cities, terrorist rockets, trying to kill as many as they can, they're not succeeding because we've developed this incredible missile defense system.." Here you see nighttime video of Hamas firing rockets, coming from the right; Israel's Iron Dome defense system then launches it's missiles at them and takes them out. That attack foiled. Netanyahu says Israel will continue to retaliate against Hamas strongholds until the terrorists decide to stop firing at his country.

7/17/14 Lawmakers React to Malaysian Crash

Duration 1:10

Rebel fighters in eastern Ukraine have agreed to a three-day ceasefire so the crash investigation can begin. As the investigation gets underway, lawmakers across the globe want to make sure those responsible are brought to justice. Today, President Obama spoke on the phone with Ukraine's President. He was speaking with Russian President Vladimir Putin when the first reports of the crash were coming in. President Obama says "The United States will offer any assistance we can to help determine what happened and why, and as a country our thought and prayers are with all the families and passengers wherever they call home." Najib Razak says: I received a call from President Obama. He and I both agreed that the investigation must not be hindered in any way. Philip Hammond says that this must be resolved by an international investigation to establish the facts of what has happened. We believe the United Nations and an (International) Civil Aviation Organization is the right body to lead that investigation and we will provide it all the support we can.

7/20/14 Planned Parenthood Campaign

Duration 30

Planned Parenthood's political arm plans to spend \$3-million to help Democrats this year. Anti-abortion groups have raised concerns saying they may not be able to match that sort of spending. Planned Parenthood says their money will be spent on ads focusing on the differences between Greg Abbott and Wendy Davis. They're not just focusing on Texas. Last year Planned Parenthood spent more than two-million dollars on the Governor's race in Virginia.

7/22/14 Gaza Israel Flights

Duration 25

For the first time in history, the F.A.A is blocking all U-S airlines from flying into or out of Israel's main airport. The 24-hour ban comes after a rocket landed about a mile from Tel Aviv's airport wounding one Israeli. The country's Transportation Ministry insists the airport is safe and completely guarded, but the situation on the ground continues to intensify. Officials say the fighting has killed more than 600 Palestinians and 29 Israelis.

8/15/14 Border Guard Fiasco

Duration 1:00

It turns out, the guard members on the border right now are part of a federal operation that has gone on for the past 8 years. If you remember, President Bush deployed 6,000 National Guard troops to help secure the border back in 2006. To be clear, these are not the troops Governor Rick Perry called up last month to help DPS secure the border and to report suspicious activities. The AP reported seeing several guardsmen yesterday afternoon manning an observation tower along a road leading to the Hidalgo international bridge. Again, we're told those soldiers are part of a federal operation that's been ongoing for years. But even though it appears now that operation strong safety hasn't started just yet, a Judge in the Rio Grande valley says it's still a waste of money. Judge Ramon Garcia says, "This is a national issue and we all are now appreciative of how it came about, but that doesn't mean that we're going to be throwing money at it by spending it on soldiers placed on the border when there's a tremendous need for law enforcement officers and that's where we believe the money could have been better spent." The Judge

says he and other South Texas leaders wrote letters to the governor urging him not to deploy troops.

8/17/14 Perry Legal Defense

Duration 1:05

Governor Rick Perry is blasting the indictment against him. "This indictment amounts to nothing more than abuse of power, and I can not and I will not allow that to happen." So what's next? "If you're not willing to plea, and he's been pretty clear that he's not going to do that, he's going to fight it tooth and nail. So the options are to try to get the indictment thrown out and if that doesn't work, get ready for trial." Ross Fischer was a Perry appointee to the state Ethics Commission and the commission's former chairman. He says the indictment is the beginning of this process. "I think it's designed to be a distraction. There's a saying that you beat the rat, but you can't beat the ride and I think that the intent here, is to take the governor for a ride." The charges come as Perry is winding down his final term as governor. And Perry is often mentioned as a possible 2016 Republican presidential contender. Special prosecutor in the case Michael McCrum responded Friday to a question asking about critics who may cry that this case is political. "I'm not going to get into that. That didn't go into my consideration whatsoever. I looked at the law. I looked at the facts, and I presented everything possible to the grand jury."

9/10/14 City Council District 2

Duration 1:00

The forum tonight for district two is here at the Dove Springs recreation center. There are four candidates vying for that council seat. Neighborhoods in southeast Austin have historically felt underrepresented in city government. This district is predominantly Hispanic. Some of the key issues we expect candidates to debate tonight are crime, poverty, access to healthy food options, and traffic especially on I-35. This area is home to the Onion Creek neighborhood, which was devastated by flooding last October. The Dove Springs neighborhood makes up a big portion of this district. This afternoon we met a man who works as a crossing guard near one of the schools. He says having a new city council rep from their area will be beneficial. Herbert Woodard "I would like for the city council to pay more attention to the neighborhood." "I don't think there would be so much crime if they would pay more attention to the neighborhood."

9/12/14 Abortion Clinics Order

Duration 20

The State of Texas has asked a federal appeals court for an order to close 13 of the state's 20 abortion clinics. The Texas Solicitor General made that request to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans today. This is the ruling about requiring abortion clinics to be outfitted like surgical centers are. Texas want to block a lower court ruling that found the state's new abortion restrictions "unconstitutional" while the state's appeal is considered.

9/21/14 Davis – Abbott Debate

Duration 1:55

This week we heard from the two candidates hoping to be the next governor of Texas.

Democrats have high hopes to retake the position for the first time since George W. Bush became governor. Senator Wendy Davis and Attorney General Greg Abbott met for their first debate in the Rio Grande Valley. Wendy Davis says: "The surge that the Governor supported was one that I supported as well because if the federal government will not act to protect our borders, Texas must and will. At the same time, we must be sensitive to the reputation of this community. Comments from my opponent calling this area third world are inappropriate. And as Governor, I will work with this community through our tourism fund to help repair the tarnished image that's occurred as a consequence." Greg Abbott says: "Secure communities promote economic development. And we want to ensure the community here in the Rio Grande Valley as well as any community in the state of Texas is going to be safe and secure. That was the purpose of ensuring we have additional DPS officers on the ground. That was the purpose behind sending the National Guard down here." Moderator says: "What do you see as fair regulations on abortion?" Wendy Davis says: "I have always believed that women should be able to make this most personal and difficult of decision themselves guided by their faith and their family and with their doctor. I stood on the Senate floor for 13 hours to assure this most private of decisions could be made by women." Greg Abbott says: "Texas is ensuring that we protect more life and do a better job of protecting the healthcare of women by providing that women still have 5 months to make a very difficult decision but after that time, the state has an interest in protecting innocent life."

9/25/14 IRS Phone Scam

Duration 45

So far this latest scam of someone calling and is stating that they are the IRS has affected more than a thousand people around the country-many of them right here in central Texas. The IRS is even warning people about it on their website. According to the IRS these con artists are demanding hundreds even in some cases thousands of dollars saying you owe that money in back taxes. What's throwing people is a lot of times it's showing up as a Washington D.C telephone number. People are being threatened with jail time, deportation and a suspension of their driver's license if they don't pay. A spokesperson with the better business bureau says a real agent with the IRS will never call you and demand money over the phone much less threaten you. "The IRS is never going to call you like that. They're going to mail you or you'll get something physical in the mail saying you have an outstanding tax issue and ask you to contact their office." Coming up tonight at 10, this is just one of many recent scams out there affecting people. I'll also tell you what else you need to watch out for.

TRANSPORTATION

7/13/14 Two Downtown Street Closures

Duration 30

If you're driving downtown this week, there are a few streets to avoid because of lane closures. Lanes on both 6th and 7th streets between Congress and Brazos Streets are closed because Austin Water will be replacing two aging sections of wastewater pipe. The closures start at 7am tomorrow, and won't reopen until 6am Thursday morning. Next week, all of sixth and seventh streets will be closed in the same area. At that point police

officers will be directing traffic to make sure people can get into parking garages on Sixth and Seventh.

7/14/14 Metro Rapid Preview

Duration 50

Capital Metro is preparing to roll out the next expansion of Metro Rapid. Metro Rapid is a unique addition to Capital Metro's services, offering new and enhanced vehicles and amenities, and greater frequency which is a service billed as a better customer experience. Take a look at this map right here. The black line is from Tech Ridge through downtown to South Park meadows. But this red line is the 803 route which will run from the Domain and Pickle Research Center in the North taking Burnet through downtown then Lamar to West Gate Mall and Brodie Oaks. We have been telling you how these buses have fewer stops, come equipped with free wi-fi, mobile ticketing, and technology to keep green lights green longer to speed up service. Linda Watson, Capital Metro CEO says "This service should really attract people to transit that maybe haven't used it before because it is such a nice bus, it does go much faster, it will compete better with the automobile, and you can save a lot of money. Capital Metro plans to start service on its new routes on August 24th. We'll be giving you a better look at how this route could help change your work commute coming up tomorrow morning on KXAN News Today.

7/21/14 Airlines Fees

Duration 25

There is bad news for those of you getting ready to take to the skies starting today. Airfare is going to cost you even more. The Transportation Security Administration is raising it's "so-called" September 11th security fee. That fee is doubling and will now cost five sixty per leg. And if you have a long layover, you'll be hit with that charge again too. Airline officials say the fee hike is just another way the Federal Government is tapping an already highly taxed industry.

8/15/14 New I-35 Bridge

Duration 20

This morning a ground breaking was held for a new 6-lane bridge over I-35 near Yarrington Road. It's designed to improve safety and access along the congested highway. The construction project costs just over 12-million dollars.

8/16/14 7th Motorcycle Fatality

Duration 45

This morning, there was a deadly crash and a DWI arrest, but not the connection you might assume. The collision happened just after 4:00 a.m. in the intersection of East 7th Street and Pedernales. Investigators said it appears a motorcyclist ran the red light and crashed into the pickup truck. An officer reported seeing the motorcycle speeding and running another light closer to downtown Austin. Paramedics say the motorcycle rider, a man in his 20s, was pronounced dead at the scene. A helmet for the motorcyclist was found near the scene, but it's not clear if he was wearing it. The driver in the truck was transported to UMC Brackenridge. Officers on scene, suspect the pickup truck driver was intoxicated, so he was later arrested.

9/12/14 Uber Lyft City of Austin Mtg.

Duration 20

The ongoing fight between cab companies and "Peer-2-Peer" ride sharing business such as Uber and Lyft will go before the City Council. Council Member Chris Riley sent out a notice today that he will put forth a resolution to make such Transportation Network Companies legal. He plans to make a formal announcement on Monday. Riley is running for City Council District 9 this November.

9/15/14 Perry Transportation

Duration 45

Toll facility owners and operators from around the world are in Austin this week. They're here for the annual meeting of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association. This morning, Governor Rick Perry was one of the featured speakers. The governor says roads help drive economic development in Texas and the state works with local communities to get those roads built. Governor Perry says, "Instead of acting like El Jefe, the boss in the state of Texas, where you make the decisions from the top down, we have become partners, working with the local authorities to find the best ways to make those most important transportation projects happen." The governor said that Texas has added more miles of roads than any other state since 2001.

9/17/14 Land, Water and Transportation

Duration 1:30

Behind me is the Parmer Lane extension just off SH 130. This road is a perfect example of what the proposed county plan is calling for. The land around this road is slated to become the next Steiner Ranch with homes, condos, and businesses. The county wants a plan where roads are conceived and built in conjunction with major development, not as an after thought. Because the county cannot make ordinances like the city to establish zoning rules this plan can help develop guidelines. "One thing to mitigate is to plan long range. Think about how things are going to evolve over the next two decades and do the best to collaborate with the other governmental entities." If you would like to provide your feedback, tonight is the first of seven public meetings. It's happening at Parades Middle School in South Austin from 5:30 to 7:30.

9/20/14 Capital Metro Lawsuit

Duration 35

A new lawsuit has been filed in the case of a former *Capital Metro* driver accused of sexually assaulting a passenger. We've been following this story since March. Arturo Ortiz will have a pre-trial hearing next month. Ortiz was a driver for Access. That is CapMetro's bus service designed to help people with disabilities. The lawsuit is actually against M-V transportation a company that provides drivers for CapMetro. Attorneys say M-V did not take Ortiz's criminal history into account when they hired him. The KXAN investigative team checked. We found Ortiz does have an assault conviction from Houston in the late 1970s.

9/23/14 Council District 5 Forum

Duration 55

This November, Austin voters will make a big change in our city's government. It involves the election of the city's first geographic city council. KXAN wants to make sure you get a chance to meet city council candidates wanting to represent you. Tonight we are hosting candidates for District 6. The district takes up a big area of northwest and western Austin. Last night, we met up with the candidates from District 5 which stretches from Lady Bird Lake on the north to as far south as Hays County. The forum was at the ACC campus in south Austin. Seven candidates are running for the seat. Along South Lamar, residential and retail development has affected traffic and the cost of living. We spoke to a man who lives off Lamar near Zilker Park. He says transportation and property taxes are his biggest concerns. John Rubin says, "I've lived here seven years. In those last seven years, I mean, we've seen property values double."