

Second Quarter Public Affairs File for Cumulus Media – Chattanooga Market

Show: Conversation Piece

Airs: Sunday mornings on KZ-106, WGOW 102.3 FM, WGOW 1150 AM, NashIcon 107.9

4/3/16 Chattanooga Police Chief Fred Fletcher and City Councilman Larry Grohn spoke with host Brian Joyce on his afternoon show and took callers. The topic was the effectiveness of Mayor Andy Berke's Violence Reduction Initiative and District Attorney Neal Pinkston's efforts to start his own crime program.

4/10/16 District 11 Tennessee State Representative Dan Howell on the Slow Poke Bill he introduced (and passed) and the Rural Broadband bill (which failed) and why it failed. Rep. Howell was interviewed by Louis Lee in his office at Legislative Plaza in Nashville.

4/17/16 Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke on Brian Joyce's show talking about EPBs efficacy and the successes/failures of Violence Reduction Initiative. Then a Teddy Roosevelt impersonator talking with Jeff Styles on FRED the Show about Roosevelt's legacy and the National Park system.

4/24/16 Following the bloodiest week on Chattanooga's streets, crime was the topic of conversation. Jeff Styles spoke with Dr. Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi about promoting personal transformation to "combat" violence ... then Brian Joyce spoke with a former gang member for an inside perspective of what causes gang violence.

5/1/16 Commemorating the 5 year anniversary of a rash of tornadoes that ravaged the listening area, Brian Joyce spoke with a severe weather expert about storm preparation. The second half of the show was concerned with parking availability in the city and who controls it.

5/8/16 Mayor Andy Berke delivered his State of the City address. Then, Nation of Islam Minister Kevin Muhammed delivered his PEOPLE'S State of the City address. Brian Joyce spoke with Muhammed and also a former gang member who have differing views of how to stop the violence in the city.

5/15-16 With the murder of a security guard at a local restaurant by a man who had previously been arrested and charged with murder, the public wanted to know how this person was out on the street to commit another crime. Many blamed the legal system. Louis Lee sat down with HamCo D.A. Neal Pinkston so he could explain how his office works, their duties and limitations.

5/22/16 Technical problems – Encore Presentation of 5/15/15 episode.

5/29/16 – Sean Paul and Andrea Tomasso spoke with host Jeff Styles on FRED The Show on WGOW-FM about oral cancer. Both guests have loved ones who have had to battle the disease and issued warnings to the listening audience about the causes and how to detect and treat the disease. They also invited the public to attend a free oral screening event the following weekend.

6/5/16 – Mayor Andy Berke was put on the defensive when three weeks prior, his senior advisor was caught up in a domestic dispute with her husband. Allegations swirled that the quarrel was because the husband suspected the advisor of having an affair with the mayor. After a media black-out, the mayor agreed to talk to host Brian Joyce on his show to answer questions from the public.

6/12/16 – In the wake of the killing of a witness, FRED the Show host Jeff Styles ponders the possibility of a citizen's posse to provide witness protection.