

FCC 2009 3Q Community Needs

Healthcare

Healthcare and the swine flu scare top the list of concerns this quarter. In addition to daily news stories about the number of confirmed cases, KWTX News 10 brought together medical experts from Scott & White Hospital and the McLennan County Health District to answer viewer questions about swine flu on a toll free phone bank and on email and a live blog. The two-hour "on call" session was part of News 10's five and six o'clock newscasts.

Crime

Crimes of all types seemed to be on the rise during this period. Some experts blame the increase on the poor economy. Several stories were developed attempting to help viewers prevent crime and if necessary deal with the results of crimes against them.

Economy

The economic downturn is beginning to impact Central Texas in various ways. Churches, non-profits, businesses and individuals have begun to feel the squeeze of our economic downturn. News 10 has been devoting numerous news stories and special presentations to this issue.

Education

Texas lawmakers voted to make changes in curriculum and they were initiated immediately. High school students will have more options and fewer requirements. Baylor University is still seeking a permanent president and McLennan Community College inaugurated its third president in its history.

Fort Hood

The transition on Fort Hood continues as the Commanding General and his wife sit down for a one-on-one interview with News 10 to talk about the emotional as well as physical toll war takes on soldiers and their families. Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch and his wife Sara talk about the war in Iraq, Fort Hood changes and soldiers and their families. This quarter saw the 4ID change command and move its headquarters to Fort Carson, Colorado. Lt. Gen. Lynch passed command of III Corps & Fort Hood to Lt. Gen. Robert Cone.