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WGNS Community Ascertainment Report

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1. **Fire Safety** This is the time of the year that most home fires occur. Murfreesboro Fire Chief Mark Foulks interacted with residents on Jan. 2, 2018 about ways to make their homes more fire proof. He also told of plans to upgrade the city's already phenomenal ISO rating of 2 to a Class 1. Not only would that improve response time and save lives, it also reduces the cost of fire insurance for residences as well as businesses.

2. **Black History:** Local NAACP President Carolyn Cox tells about the MLK, Jr. Breakfast on January 14, 2018 at MTSU, but she looks ahead to tell about the honorees.

3. **Homeless:** The homeless population is growing in this community. On Jan. 16, 2018, Taylor Loyal shared how the Second Harvest Food Bank plans to better serve this section of the population.

4. **Child Abuse:** On Jan. 10, 2018 Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport and Judge Keith Siskin tell about why "parental rights are terminated". On March 7, 2017 Judge Davenport and CASA Director Kassie Davis told about the children who are dependent or neglected due to the actions of their parents.

5. **City & County Government:** Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland interacted with local residents on issues that concern them on Jan. 11, Feb. 8, and March 8, 2018. Rutherford County Mayor Ernest Burgess answered concerns with residents on Jan. 25, Feb. 23, and March 29, 2017. State Senators (2) and State Representatives (4) talked with residents about what was being considered before the General Assembly. In addition, the public gave comments on the proposed legislation and shared their concerns. This was done Jan. 27, Feb. 24, and March 31, 2018. Newly elected Murfreesboro Vice Mayor Madelyn Scales-Harris shared her vision for improving the city on the Feb. 14, 2017 broadcast.

6. **Local History:** Feb. 20, 2018 featured Dr. Brenden Martin telling about renovations and preservations at Historic Bradley Academy. Not only was this the school of former President James K. Polk, it was Murfreesboro's first African-American school.