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**WGNS Community Ascertainment Report**

**Period:** 4th quarter 2017 (October, November, December, 2017)

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1. **CRIME** is on the increase this time of the year. It escalates as we near Christmas. Representatives from the Murfreesboro Police Department were on Oct. 4, 2017. Then on Oct. 16, 2017, Dr. Carter F. Smith from MTSU's Department of Criminal Justice told about gangs and their history. Oct. 18, 2017 RCSO Sgt. Jimmy Cassidy told residents about the next Citizens Police Academy's free class.
2. **COURT SYSTEM:** On Oct. 6, 2017 District Attorney General Jennings Jones along with Past DA Bill Whitesell and ADA J. Paul Newman address the court docket and let the public know how the judicial system is working for them. Oct. 20 and Nov. 17, 2017 Attorney John Day interacted with listeners about the courts and laws.
3. **HOMELESS:** Oct. 3, 2017 representatives from the Homeless Alliance and the Salvation Army discuss plans to create a campus for homeless that puts their shelter and services within walking distance. The program touches on groups who are collecting sleeping bags, tents and warm clothing now in preparation for a colder than usual winter.
4. **CHILD ISSUES:** On Nov. 27, 2017 Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport and Leah Powell told of "Volunteer Challenge" and how it helps at risk youth. On Nov. 15, 2017 RCSO Sgt. Melvin Cunningham told about a new training program to show youth what to do if they are stopped by a police officer. On Dec. 5, 2017 Judge Davenport talks with "The Den's" Director Michael Davis told of their focus is on helping youth who live in the inner-city neighborhoods.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland interacted with local residents about issues on Oct. 12, 2017 and Dec. 13, 2017. Rutherford County Mayor Ernest Burgess answered concerns with residents on Nov. 29, 2017.

6. **LOCAL HISTORY:** Dec. 12, 2017 Stones River Battlefield Historian and Ranger Jim Lewis and Superintendent Brenda Waters tell how in a 7-day period that Murfreesboro's population grew from 2,000 to over 80,000 155-years ago (Dec. 26, 1862 through Jan. 2, 1863).

7. **ELECTIONS:** 2018 will be an "election year", and on Oct. 25, 2017 Rutherford County Election Administrator Alan Farley told how this county was chosen by the state to be the pilot to allow voters to cast their vote at any precinct. This is similar to "early voting", but on election day as well. If it is successful, all of Tennessee will follow.

8. **EDUCATION:** On Oct. 10, 2017 State Department of Education's Katherine Bonecutter told about new adult education programs that are beginning in Rutherford County. On Oct. 13, 2017 Laura Bohling told of new adult civics classes that will show residents how to get more involved in the community. On Oct. 23, 2017 City School's Lisa Trail told about the multi-lingual programs available local (60+ languages). On Nov. 27, 2017 Rutherford County Schools Assistant Superintendent Richard Zago tells about this system being named an "Exemplary District". The county's Federal Programs Coordinator Trey Duke tells how the federal "Every Student Succeeds Act" works.

9. **FLU SEASON:** On Nov. 6, 2017 Dr. Jason Greene talked about the new strains of flu and the importance of getting a flu shot, especially for infants and children along with senior adults.

10. **VETERANS:** On Nov. 10, 2017 representatives from the Alvin C. York VA Medical Center told of their services offered by this massive facility. In addition, Veterans Day Director Myra Simmons told about this morning's Veterans Day program on the square. On Nov. 20, 2017 MTSU Veterans Transition Director Sean Martin discussed the services available to all ages of veterans at the Daniels' Veterans Family Center.

11. **HEALTH:** On Nov. 14, 2017 St. Thomas Hospital's Dr. Tobey Shultz told about JAMA's findings dealing with the impact of high nicotine e-cigarettes on teens

These topics were broadcast between 0810 and 0900 on the dates outlined above. The topics were developed through a process of checking local news stories, public input (phone calls, e-mails, daily "man on the street" interviews, opinion polls on the station's website, and other methods of getting public response on issues of importance.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Walker", with a stylized, flowing script.

Scott Walker  
Chief Operator