

**QUARTERLY ISSUES PROGRAM**

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**WWLP – SPRINGFIELD, MA**

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**The following is WWLP programming addressing Crime during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2009. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News                                      07/03/09                                      11pm                                      : 30**

A scare for a grocery store clerk in Springfield's North End, Springfield Police Sargeant Chris Hitas told 22News a man with a knife robbed Gonzolas Market at 380 Plainfield Street at about five o'clock tonight. The robber grabbed about one thousand dollars and ran away. No one was hurt.

**News                                      07/03/09                                      5pm                                      : 30**

Westfield police need your help identifying a robber caught on tape cashing in lottery tickets he allegedly stole. Detective Kevin Swords told 22News, this man was caught on camera at the Mobil station on Main Street in Springfield cashing lottery tickets, this after he allegedly broke into the Union Mart in Westfield early Sunday morning stealing cash, cigarettes, and lottery tickets. A similar break-in took place at the All-in-One store on Southampton Road.

**News                                      07/05/09                                      7am                                      : 30**

A scary scene in Springfield overnight as gunshots rang out sending people ducking for cover. Springfield Police Lieutenant Trent Huffnagel told 22news a large fight broke out on Lower State Street near the Keg Room. Fortunately no one was hurt in this shooting.

**News                                      07/05/09                                      12pm                                      : 30**

Police are investigating the tenth murder of the year in Springfield after a man was gunned down at a Boston Road bar. Shots rang out near the corner of Seymour Avenue and Boston Road at the Royal Seasons restaurant and bar. The victim is a black male mid 20's from Springfield he was shot in the head in the parking lot of the Country Inn & Tavern 339 Boston Road. Several gun shots were heard, and this occurred at 2:00 am, it was around closing time a lot of people milling around the lot when several shots were heard. Police officers in the area heard the shots, responded and found the victim lying in the parking lot. He was taken to Baystate where he was pronounced dead at 3:36 am. No one is under arrest, and the motive is unclear.

**News                                      07/06/09                                      11pm                                      : 30**

A DJ at the 5th Alarm strip club in Springfield was stabbed earlier tonight by a woman. The call came in just after 5 o'clock. Captain C. Lee Bennett told 22News that it was a female patron of the strip club lashed out at a male DJ and stabbed him. The female then fled the strip club on foot and is still at large. There is no description of the suspect but the incident is

still under investigation. Springfield police believe the male DJ was transported to a local hospital though there is no word on his condition.

**News**                                      **07/08/09**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

A standoff in Connecticut ends 15 hours after it started; 60 year old Richard Shenkman allegedly abducted his estranged wife, Nancy Tyler, outside her Hartford office and brought her to their prior home in South Windsor. Shenkman later released Tyler but soon there after, several dozen gunshots were heard and the house went up in flames. Firefighters surrounding the home say Shenkman surrendered and was taken away in an ambulance just after midnight.

**News**                                      **07/08/09**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

Massachusetts State Police are taking a pro-active stance against criminal activity this summer by targeting repeat offenders. State police commander Col. Mark Delaney says the department arrested 369 people on various charges during a month long effort. Delaney says the plan was to cool crime hot spots as the summer began by stepping up investigations and patrols in several cities including Springfield.

**News**                                      **07/08/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Another bear is missing from Easthampton's Bear Fest Exhibit. The city was so upset that one bear was missing that they made up these Wanted Posters, but now another bear is missing and they're hoping this will stop. The stolen statue's name is "Rubber Ducky, You're the One." It disappeared on July 5th and is one of 35 fiberglass bears being displayed across Easthampton. On July 13, "Bearly There Bear" was stolen and the thieves attempted to take "Rubber Ducky" as well. So far police have not found the bear burglars.

**News**                                      **07/12/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in a fatal crash that happened on I-91 early yesterday morning. The incident is believed to have started when a Jeep Wrangler with seven people inside clipped a taxi near the corner of Main and Union Street. After the Jeep allegedly fled the scene it entered onto I-91 south with the taxi following behind. When the jeep lost control and crashed 23-year-old passenger David Ray of Enfield died. 20 year old Nathaniel Chisnall of Enfield is now facing charges of operating under the influence and negligent operation of a vehicle.

**News**                                      **07/13/09**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

Police in South Hadley are searching for suspects after an armed robbery. It happened outside of Anthony's on New Ludlow Road around 2 this morning. Sgt. Mark Baran from South Hadley Police told 22news, an employee was walking to her car after closing when she was robbed at gun point. The suspects took her purse with an undetermined amount of cash. No arrests have been made. Chicopee police are assisting in the investigation.

**News**                              **07/13/09**                              **5am**                              **: 30**

Two men in Springfield are recovering after being shot overnight. It happened around 1:45 this morning in the area of Dwight and Worthington Streets. Springfield police captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22news, a fight broke out in the street and shots were fired. Two men were struck, one in the right arm, the other in the right thigh. Both were taken to Baystate medical center and are in stable condition. No arrests have been made; the detective bureau has taken over the investigation.

**News**                              **07/15/09**                              **11pm**                              **: 30**

Chicopee police are searching for the man who robbed the Meadow Street Dunkin Donuts tonight. Chicopee Police Sgt. Holly Davis describes the suspect as a tall black man with a medium build, wearing a dark hoodie. She says the suspect walked into the Dunkin Donuts at 7:00 o'clock tonight, showed a handgun, and ran off with some cash.

**News**                              **07/15/09**                              **5am**                              **: 30**

Police in Springfield are searching for suspects after a pregnant woman and a man were stabbed overnight. It happened just before midnight near Mill and Locust Streets. Lt. Trent Huffnagel from Springfield police told 22news the 41 year old man and 36 year old woman were walking home when they were attacked by two black men. Lt. Huffnagel said the man was stabbed in the back. The woman was stabbed in the abdomen and the thigh. Both were taken to Baystate medical center and are expected to be ok. No word this morning on the condition of the five-week old fetus.

**News**                              **07/15/09**                              **6am**                              **: 30**

A 43 year old Springfield woman was stabbed in the face during a robbery overnight. Springfield police Lt. Trent Huffnagel told 22News, it happened around 24 High Street near the downtown area. Lt. Huffnagel said the man took about 50 dollars from the woman before he stabbed her. She was rushed to Baystate medical center for treatment, no word on her condition. No arrests have been made.

**News**                              **07/15/09**                              **12pm**                              **: 30**

Springfield Police have determined that 38 Year Old Ana Cruz of Springfield was murdered before her house was set on fire. In a news release from Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney, an autopsy confirmed that Cruz had been stabbed numerous times on the torso and arms. She died from those stab wounds and smoke inhalation. Cruz's body was found early Sunday morning by Springfield firefighters as they responded to a house fire at 681 Bay Street. Sgt. Mark Rolland of the Springfield Police Department's Crime Scene Unit examined the body of Ms. Cruz and he observed numerous puncture/stab wounds on her chest, back and arms. The "Arson Squad" has determined that the fire was deliberately set to cover up

the crime. The Springfield Police Department continues to work on what is now a murder investigation. No suspects have been named and no arrests have been made.

**News**                                      **07/15/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

The man who held up a Westfield convenience store last night has reportedly been linked to a Chicopee armed robbery earlier in the day. Westfield detectives today released surveillance video taken at the Tiger mart on Main Street. Detective Kevin Swords told 22News, the complete video shows the robber holding a gun and then jumping over the counter and stealing the money. The Detective notes that the clothing worn by the Westfield bandit and the man who held up a Chicopee Dunkin' Donuts apparently match up.

**News**                                      **07/16/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

The T.D. BankNorth located at 693 Memorial Drive was robbed just before 4pm this afternoon. Lieutenant Charette of the Chicopee Police department told 22News that a man entered the bank and handed the teller a note demanding money. The man said he had a weapon. He took off with the cash on foot. The suspect was wearing a blond wig; he had fake teeth and was wearing a fishing hat. Police are using a canine unit to track the suspect.

**News**                                      **07/17/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield Police say they've broken up a burglary ring that's been targeting East Forest Park for more than a month. Springfield Police Sgt John Delaney told 22News three teenagers and a 22 year old man are charged in seven housebreaks and they could be connected to more breaking and entering. Delaney said Police arrested 22 year old Vadim Demyan of Springfield and 19 year old Anthony Hart of Chester as well as Sean Wilczynski and Korey Harrington both 18 years old, and both from Springfield. All four face seven charges of Breaking and Entering with intent to commit a Felony, and Larceny over 250 dollars. He said the suspects were all addicted to Oxycontin and used the stolen goods to fuel their addiction. Sgt Delaney credits the Springfield Housebreak Squad for solving the case.

**News**                                      **07/21/09**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

Two people have been shot and one is dead in Springfield. Hasson Duncan and Brandon Sparks, both 25 years old, were shot just before ten last night as they were getting into their car outside a house on Quincy Street. Captain Charles Arpin told 22news that Duncan was shot in the head and died. Sparks was shot five times but survived. Arpin says Duncan was getting in a car driven by Sparks when two men approached the car and opened fire with a semi-automatic pistol. Duncan was pronounced dead at Baystate Medical center.

**News**                                      **07/22/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield police say a man who allegedly tried to rob a downtown bar using a screwdriver is under arrest thanks to the help of some patrons. It happened around 1:30 this morning at

Club Pure on Chestnut Street. Matthew Theriaque had allegedly lunged over the bar and grabbed a green money bag. Sergeant John Delaney says when the bartender tried to stop him; Theriaque threatened him with a screw driver. Then a patron came up behind him and hit him in the head with a bar stool. Theriaque is charged with armed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**News**                                      **07/23/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Hadley police are asking for your help to find two women wanted for stealing credit cards and racking up some big bills. Officer Adam Bartlett told 22news they paid for their purchases with stolen credit cards. Officer Bartlett says they have charged thousand of dollars worth of items on the cards. The cards were stolen from Quinn Family Dental in Chicopee on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**News**                                      **07/23/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Employees at one Subway restaurant in Springfield had an alarming end to their work day, when the store was robbed at knife point. Springfield Sergeant John Delaney told 22 News around 10:30 last night the Subway restaurant at 560 Sumner Ave. was held up by a black male wearing all black clothing and a bandana covering his face. The suspect had a knife in his hand and demanded all the money from the clerk. He then left the Subway with a small amount of cash. Springfield police are investigating.

**News**                                      **07/26/09**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

Springfield police are investigating one of their own after an officer struck a pedestrian in the street, sending her to the hospital. There was a heavy police presence near 233 Walnut Street just before midnight in Six Corners. Sgt. Sean Arpin told 22News, a yet-to-be-identified officer was driving an unmarked cruiser. According to witness statements, a woman was standing in the middle of the road, possibly drunk, and wearing dark clothes. Apparently the officer didn't see her until the last second. The commotion drew out horrified neighbors.

**News**                                      **07/26/09**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

Two people are recovering after a shooting in Springfield. It happened just after 2 this morning on Halsey Street near Franklin Street. Springfield Police Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22news when police arrived they found one person shot in the leg. Another victim showed up at Mercy Medical Center at short time later suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg as well. Captain Dexheimer said shell casings from the gun were found on Halsey Street. Neighbors came out of their homes when they heard the gunfire.

**News**                                      **07/27/09**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

Police in Springfield are investigating a shooting from overnight. It happened around 2:30 this morning on Green Street in the six corners section of the city. Lt. Norman Charest from Springfield police told 22news that police responded to the area after a shot-spotter call they found a 19 year old man laying in the street with a gunshot wound to the buttocks. He was

taken to the hospital for a treatment where he is expected to be ok. No arrests have been made.

**News**                                      **07/27/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Police have nailed the brother of a Massachusetts mayor for allegedly robbing a convenience store with a hammer. Robert Manzi seen here robbing this store in Lawrence on Friday is the brother of Methuen mayor William Manzi. The store's security camera shows the man threatening the store's clerk with the hammer before grabbing all the cash. Store employees wrote down the man's license plate number and police were able to find him a short time later. Mayor William Manzi admitted his brother has been battling a drug addiction.

**News**                                      **07/29/09**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

Police in Worcester are on the look out after a pregnant woman is murdered and the baby she was carrying is nowhere to be found. 23 year old Darlene Haynes was about 8 months pregnant when she was last seen alive. Her body was discovered Monday after her landlord went into her apartment to check on a report of a strong odor coming from the home. Police say an autopsy conducted yesterday showed that her baby was removed. Police say the missing infant could survive but will need medical attention immediately.

**News**                                      **07/30/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A Bay State man has been charged with killing his neighbor and dumping the body in Suffield. The wooded area where police found him is not far from Southwick off Babbs Road. 28-year-old Lucas Walters of Braintree is accused of killing 31-year-old Jeffrey Phillips. His body was found this morning about 100 miles from Braintree, hours after police interviewed Walters. Prosecutors say they both lived in the same apartment building in Braintree and knew each other. Some Southwick residents were shocked that a body was found so close to home.

**News**                                      **08/03/09**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

A man is listed in critical condition at Baystate medical center after a stabbing last night in Springfield. Springfield Police Lieutenant Trent Hufnagel told 22News two people were stabbed after an altercation at a parking lot at Hampden Street and East Columbus Avenue this morning. Hufnagel says a 31 year old stab victim refused treatment and did not cooperate with police. The other victim was a 30 year old male who suffered stab wounds to the wrist, chest, and abdomen. It's under investigation by the Detectives bureau.

**News**                                      **08/05/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

An alert dog walker is being praised for helping Springfield police officers nab two men who were allegedly breaking into a local school. The two suspects are 20 year old Dominick Murdock, and 19 year old Zecharia Labonte. Both are from Springfield. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22news, they were arrested after a man walking his dog notified

police after he saw the pair allegedly breaking into the Glenwood School. Both men face charges of breaking and entering and possession of burglary tools.

**News**                                      **08/05/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

This man 28 year old Yasir Creach, who's address is listed as a Springfield homeless shelter, is accused stealing a lock box containing about 250 dollars in donations for the Ronald McDonald house. The alleged robbery happened yesterday from the counter of a Mcdonald's restaurant on Plainfield Street. According to Police Sgt John Delaney the items were recovered after Creach was spotted and arrested later that night in Downtown Springfield.

**News**                                      **08/07/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

A Springfield man suspected of beating another man to death with a baseball bat is arrested after more than two months on the run. Duran Laquin Alexander was arrested just after 6 this morning at a home in Gilbertville, which is north of Ware. Springfield Sergeant John Delaney says Alexander struck 39 year-old Emilio Marty in the head with a bat on May 29th during a fight. Marty died at a hospital about a week later. Delaney says the two men knew each other. Alexander is being charged with murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**News**                                      **08/07/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Breaking news out of Springfield where police have recovered weapons in a shooting that left one man seriously wounded. Springfield Police Captain C-Lee Bennett told 22News the High-Tech Shot Spotter sounded the alarm at 11 Willard Street about ten of ten tonight. Police arrived to find a victim who'd been shot twice. Captain Bennett said police are looking for a large dark SUV, and that police have recovered two weapons.

**News**                                      **08/09/09**                                      **9am**                                      **: 30**

State and local police are in downtown Holyoke investigating an early morning shooting where one man was killed. A man thought to be in his twenties was shot dead in the city early this morning. State and local police are following a trail of blood, hoping to lead them to clues to the city's second homicide of the year. Sgt. Richard Stewart told 22News someone walked into nearby Holyoke Police Headquarters around 5:00 Sunday alerting them to a lifeless body, covered in blood on the corner of High and Dwight Streets, downtown. Police and paramedics soon realized the Hispanic man was already dead, killed by gunfire, across from city hall. The man's body remained on the sidewalk for much of the morning, covered by a yellow tarp before being removed for an autopsy by the medical examiner. Detectives from the Massachusetts State Police also descended on the area to process the crime scene with their forensics team. A large area from High to Maple Street blocked off for the investigation. Police also secured an area on Maple Street in front of the Holyoke House, a boarding house, discovering evidence linking the two crime scenes together. Captain Arthur Monfette told 22News it appears the victim was shot there, before collapsing on High



Street. At this point, no suspects have been arrested in the city's second homicide of the year. Police are not yet releasing the victim's identity.

**News**                                      **08/12/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Police are investigating a late afternoon shooting in downtown Springfield. It happened just before 4 p.m near 927 Worthington Street. Captain Mark Anthony told 22news that one person suffered serious injuries in that shooting. Police are on the scene. There's no word at this time of any arrests.

**News**                                      **08/13/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

In Holyoke the Chief of police says they've arrested one Holyoke man, and have named a second suspect in the city's second murder this year. Chief Anthony Scott says Holyoke and state police detectives worked together to solve the murder of 23-year-old Joseph Hernandez, whose body was found Sunday morning at the corner of High and Dwight Streets. Police say he was shot two blocks away in front of the Holyoke House. Chief Scott said Carlos Dejesus and Jose Bonilla-Torres both face murder and firearms charges. Dejesus is under arrest. Bonilla Torres remains at large. Scott said the men planned to rob Hernandez of gambling winnings, and ended up shooting the victim during the robbery.

**News**                                      **08/14/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield Police are looking for a gunman who robbed a clothing store at the "X". Springfield Police Captain C- Lee Bennett told 22News that a man walked into "City Swagger" about 6:20 tonight, and pointed a gun at the clerk's face. The gunman stole a shirt and a pair of sneakers and ran out the rear door. One neighbor told 22News this happens all too often, and businesses and homeowners need to be more pro-active.

**News**                                      **08/15/09**                                      **6am**                                      **: 30**

A fire that destroyed a Palmer business is officially being considered arson. The fire marshal's office told 22News that the fire early Monday at the Agway Store on Park Street, was deliberately set. The fire destroyed the building which was filled with pesticides and fertilizers.

**News**                                      **08/16/09**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

Springfield police are trying to figure out why two men were stabbed overnight at a house in the city's Mason Square neighborhood. Springfield Police Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News police found one man with stab wounds at 137 Albemarle Street around 11 o'clock last night. Dexheimer says there were ten people in the house who claimed to be sleeping at the time. Another man was found with stab wounds one block away on Rochelle Street. Dexheimer says the stories the victims and witnesses are telling aren't consistent. Both men are at Baystate Medical Center their injuries are considered non life-threatening.

**News**                                      **08/17/09**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

A Springfield woman has been arrested and charged with setting fire to her neighbor's apartment following an argument. According to Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney, police arrested 26 year old Sonia Mendez and charged her with Arson. Police received a call just before 3:30 this morning that someone set fire to the rear of a home at 47 Nursery Street. Police had responded to a call of women fighting there just a half hour earlier. A short time later, police arrested Mendez at a nearby gas station.

**News**                                      **08/21/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield Police assisted Holyoke Police with an investigation that escalated into a brief armed standoff in Springfield's North End. It happened in an apartment at 30 Cumberland Street about 7:30 tonight. Springfield Police Lt. Robert Strempek told 22News Holyoke Police were questioning a man at that location, when he became agitated, grabbed a knife and barricaded himself inside. Lt Strempek said the man stabbed himself in the abdomen, and was taken to the hospital. Holyoke police have not revealed the nature of their original investigation.

**News**                                      **08/21/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

A Palmer man faces a slew of charges stemming, from a police pursuit that started in Palmer and ended in Chicopee tonight. Chicopee Police Captain Thomas Shorette told 22News that 31 year old Steven Beauregard faces several counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest and larceny of a motor vehicle. Chicopee police joined the chase of an SUV followed by several State Police Cruisers around seven this evening. The Jeep Cherokee was running on rims because Belchertown police put down stop sticks that flattened the tires earlier in the chase. Captain Charette said the driver rammed one of his cruisers and one of his officers suffered some minor scrapes. Beauregard faces arraignment in Chicopee District Court tomorrow.

**News**                                      **08/23/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

The killer who gunned down a 21 year old Springfield man yesterday in a shopping center parking lot has triggered a severe climate of fear in the Mason Square neighborhood. People have been shaken up by this latest crime of violence. The murder of a young man and the wounding of a 13 year old boy in broad daylight Saturday evening at the Mid Town Shopping Plaza parking lot. Springfield police spokesman Sgt. John Delaney told 22News, the murder victim was shot five times. The teenager was wounded in the leg. Delaney's not sure about why the gunman opened fire but gang warfare's not out of the question. Who did it and why have yet to be answered in the wake of this killing in the heart of a Springfield neighborhood.

**News**                                      **08/24/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Someone tried to pull a fast one on a flee market vendor in Hadley when they attempted to pay in counterfeit money. Hadley Sgt. Damion Shanley told 22 News a woman identified as a

Hispanic and in her fifties presented these two fake 50 dollar bills to merchants at a flea market in Hadley. The two bills had the consistency of real money but the markings were different. Both bills had the same serial numbers and the portraits were slightly blurred indicating their fakeness. There was only two bills confiscated but there were reports that two other 10 and 20 dollar counterfeit bills were also circulated. Hadley police has contacted the CIA to look into the investigation. No arrests have been made yet.

**News**                                      **08/24/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield police are investigating a stabbing involving a woman walking out of a local nightclub. Lt. Norman Charest told 22news, the female victim was leaving The Zone night club just before two this morning when she got in to a fight with another person. Lt. Charest said a third person became involved and stabbed the victim more than once in her back. The victim flagged down officers and was taken to Baystate medical center. She is expected to recover.

**News**                                      **08/26/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield Police are investigating a shooting that wounded two men in the Old Hill Neighborhood tonight. Police Captain C. Lee Bennett told 22news that two people were shot about four o'clock this afternoon. Police found one victim on Manhattan Street, and they came upon the second victim near Marshall Street. Captain Bennett says both are expected to be ok. No arrests have been made.

**News**                                      **08/30/09**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

A 20 year old man is recovering the hospital after being shot in the stomach. Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22news that the man was at a party at 59 Park Side Street. The victim called police after he was shot. Dexheimer said police found him near the Shriners Hospital on Carew Street just before one this morning. He was transported to Baystate Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

**News**                                      **08/31/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

A house party overnight in Springfield turned violent when a man was shot and sent to the hospital. This past week the city of Springfield has seen a number of shootings and violence. A 20 year old man is now recovering at Baystate medical Center after being shot in the stomach overnight. Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22 News that the man was at a party at 59 Park Side Street. The victim called police after he was shot. Dexheimer said police found him near the Shriners Hospital on Carew Street just before one this morning. He was taken to Baystate Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

**News**                                      **09/02/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A Connecticut High School teacher has been arrested on allegations that he employed a minor in an obscene performance. Details of that arrest are sealed for two weeks.

**News**                              **09/06/09**                              **7am**                              **: 30**

Springfield police are investigating an early morning shooting. The shooting took place on the corner of Hancock and Mill St. around three this morning. Sgt. Manley told 22news the injuries were minor and that witnesses and the victim are not cooperating with police at this time. The Detective Bureau is investigating.

**News**                              **09/08/09**                              **6pm**                              **: 30**

Many Westfield Bank customers have received telephone scam calls telling them their account's been breached.

**News**                              **09/09/09**                              **11pm**                              **: 30**

Springfield police are looking for two suspects who held-up a convenience store tonight. Springfield Police Lt. Robert Strempek told 22news a man and a woman tried to hold up La Favorita at the corner of Walnut and King Streets tonight. It happened about 9 O'clock. Lt Strempek told us one of the suspects threatened the clerk with a handgun. They drove away in a gold car. No one was injured.

**News**                              **09/12/09**                              **6pm**                              **: 30**

A store clerk is recovering from serious injuries after being shot last night during an attempted robbery. Springfield Police Captain Mark Anthony told 22 News around 9 pm City Mini Mart at 150 Belmont Avenue was robbed at gunpoint. The suspect described as a black male allegedly came into the store and shot the 48 year old male store clerk in the chest. He took the money from the register and then left the scene. Investigators are still looking for the suspect. The store clerk is being treated at Baystate Medical Center for severe injuries.

**News**                              **09/12/09**                              **6pm**                              **: 30**

Around 2pm a Cumberland Farm clerk was robbed at gunpoint. The courier was making a deposit at the Bank of America on Carew Street. One of the bank's employees told police two black men described as wearing black hoodies and Halloween masks robbed the courier with a gun and the other man had a hammer. They left the scene in black neon with an unknown amount of cash. Police are still looking for the suspects. If you have any information in regards to this robbery contact the Springfield police department.

**News**                              **09/13/09**                              **7am**                              **: 30**

Three people are recovering this morning after a drive-by shooting in Springfield's Mason Square neighborhood. Springfield Police Lieutenant Trent Hufnagel told 22News just after 9 o'clock last night police found three people shot at the intersection of Andrew Street and Hayden Avenue as well as shell casings. Hufnagel says they were taken to Baystate Medical Center. Hufnagel told 22News the victims aren't cooperating with police and it's not clear at

this time what type of vehicle police are looking for, or if those three people are able to identify an alleged gunman. The Springfield Police Detective bureau is looking into the cause of the shooting.

**News**                                      **09/13/09**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

Investigators are searching for a car thought to be involved in a hit and run accident near UMASS this morning that killed a man and injured another. It happened at 115 Montague Road in Amherst just two miles from the UMass campus around 10:30 last night. Accident reconstruction teams were still there just an hour ago searching for clues. Authorities from state and Amherst police spent all night and the early morning hours combing the crime scene for clues to try and find the car responsible for this deadly accident that claimed the life of a former UMASS student. According to Amherst Police, two men riding their bikes on Montague Road were struck in the street by a car that took off. 21 year old Blake Goodman and his friend 24 year old John Deary were rushed to Cooley Dickenson Hospital, where Goodman was pronounced dead. State police brought in their collision analysis team as well as a chemist for forensic work. The victim, Blake Goodman was from Wakefield, and was a former student at UMASS. His friend was treated and released from the hospital with a leg injury.

**News**                                      **09/15/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Former Holland police Chief Kevin Gleason is behind bars tonight after pleading guilty to larceny. Authorities accused Gleason of using town funds to buy 16 firearms. They said he sold the guns privately and pocketed the money. He also admitted stealing more than \$2,000 from a police evidence locker. .

**News**                                      **09/15/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Clues increasingly point to an inside job in the murder of a Yale graduate student. The body of 24-year-old Annie Le (lay) was found stuffed inside a wall in a heavily secured lab building accessible only to university employees. Law enforcement sources tell NBC news police have a suspect in the case. The suspect is a student, has defensive wounds, and failed a polygraph test. Police are trying to calm fears on the Ivy League campus.

**News**                                      **09/15/09**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

The owner of a Belchertown business is offering a large reward leading to the arrest of a robbery suspect. It happened Saturday night just before nine at the Grog Shoppe on Depot Street. In a release sent to 22news, Belchertown police say the suspect held a gray knife to the throat of a female customer then demanded money from the cashier. The suspect fled on foot with an undetermined amount of cash nobody was injured. The suspect is described as a light skinned male with brown hair believed to be in his 20's he was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with a bandana covering his face and white medical gloves on his hands. The owner of the Grog Shoppe is offering a \$500 reward.

**News**                                      **09/15/09**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

In Springfield one person has killed during an afternoon shooting, and Lt. Thomas Kennedy told 22News the victim died after being gunned down in a stairwell on the second floor of the Bergen Circle Apartments in Mason Square. The shooting happened around 2 this afternoon at 15 Girard Avenue. Police are actively investigating the 14th homicide of the year in the city and are currently interviewing witnesses.

**News**                                      **09/16/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield police identified the victim as 27 year old Tory Smith. He was shot to death in a Mason Square apartment complex. One man is now in custody, charged with murder. Shortly before 2 O'clock Tuesday afternoon, Springfield police arrived at the Bergen Circle Towers on Gerard Avenue to find 27 year old Tory Smith bleeding in a stairway, he had been shot once in the chest. Officers performed CPR but he later died. Sgt. John Delaney told 22News police arrested 24 year old Shadeed Jameel Mahdi and charged him with the murder. The violence frightens neighbors. Just last weekend, 3 people were wounded in a drive by shooting just a few streets away. And last month, a young man was shot and killed also in broad daylight in a McDonald's parking lot. Sgt. John Delaney tells 22 News the murder was gang related.

**News**                                      **09/16/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield police are looking for two armed suspects who robbed a fast food restaurant tonight. Springfield Police Captain C Lee Bennet told 22news the Burger King at 489 State Street was robbed at about an hour ago. One of the suspects threatened the clerk with a gun and escaped with some cash. Detectives are looking at surveillance video. No one was hurt.

**News**                                      **09/16/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield Police were called to a drive-by shooting. Captain C Lee Bennett told 22 News someone in a green van fired shots at a home on King Street around 5 O'clock. No one was hit.

**News**                                      **09/17/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

In Springfield, Police are looking for a suspect who shot a man in the leg one hour ago. Captain C. Lee Bennett told 22news the shooting happened at the cross-section of Bay and Sycamore Streets in Springfield at about 10 O'clock. Capt. Bennett told 22news the victim was shot in the ankle and transported to a local hospital. She says police do not have a description of the shooter.

**News**                                      **09/17/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Federal authorities have charged 10 men with being involved in a heroin distribution ring run out of a Holyoke barbershop. According to the Associated Press Prosecutors said 34-year-

old John Alicea-Burgos of Springfield received large shipments of heroin from New York at his business, the GoodFellas Barbershop on High Street in Holyoke. Alicea-Burgos was one of 10 men named in federal indictments yesterday. The investigation involving federal, state and local authorities was launched in 2008.

**News**                                      **09/21/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield police are looking for the driver of a car that hit a man tonight. Captain C. Lee Bennett told 22news that just before nine tonight, a person in a black Honda civic struck a pedestrian. The hit and run happened at the cross-section of Page Boulevard and Osbourne Terrace. The car was last seen headed towards downtown Springfield. The man was transported to the hospital with non life threatening injuries.

**News**                                      **09/22/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Police are asking for the publics help in the search for two suspects in an attempted robbery. According to the UMASS police website, a resident of Hamlin hall awoke just before 4 Sunday morning to find a man in his room attempting to steal his laptop. The resident yelled and the suspect ran away. The resident then realized his roommate's computer was missing and called police.

**News**                                      **09/22/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

An off-duty Springfield police officer was getting gas at a Mobile station on Wilbraham Road when he was approached by a woman claiming to be out of town and needing cash. In exchange for 20 bucks she would fill his car up with 20 dollars worth of gas using her credit card. The officer went back to his car and called for backup. In the meantime, he watched the suspect scam another woman, this time the victim agreed to the deal. Arrested were Wittney Jones and Derrick Evans both of North Carolina. Sgt. Delany told 22news the card used to commit the crime was stolen from an out of state car dealership. They also found a stolen purse from a car break-in on Sumner Avenue. Sgt. Delany told 22News there's been an increase in car break-ins, do not leave any personal items inside your vehicle. If you notice any unusual behaviors get a description of the person, their license plate number and immediately contact police.

**News**                                      **09/23/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Two suspects have been arrested after a home invasion in Springfield that police describe as drug related. A man was tied up and pistol whipped at his home in the forest park section of the city. Police Sgt. John Delaney told 22news police arrived at 76 Hall Street early this morning after a frantic phone call from the victim's girlfriend. The man who was tied up broke free and chased the two suspects, who allegedly fired shots at their pursuer. Police arrested 18 year old Jason Fogg and 19 year old Dennis Jordan both of Springfield near the home. They were charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon among other charges.

**News**                                      **09/25/09**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

Holyoke Police arrested a man from Springfield early this morning after a routine traffic stop but to call the suspect a repeat offender would be putting it mildly. 28 year old Pedro Cepeda was arraigned for the 77th time this morning. In a news release Holyoke Police Chief Anthony Scott says Cepeda was pulled over for failing to stop at a stop sign. Cepeda was then arrested for driving without a license and possession of heroin and marijuana. He was also wearing a bulletproof vest. Chief Scott describes Cepeda as a career criminal with several aliases and several convictions.

**News**                                      **09/25/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

One police officer was injured last night during a drug bust in Springfield. Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22news that police arrested two men who were buying drugs near Avon Place last night. Sergeant Delaney said one of the suspects, 42 year old Errole Lynch, assaulted Officer Edward Van Zandt during the arrest and injured his hand. Lynch was charged with Assault and Battery on a Police Officer and resisting arrest. Officers also arrested 42 year old John Fox, and charged him with drug possession.

**News**                                      **09/26/09**                                      **6am**                                      **: 30**

A woman from Norwich is on the run after allegedly robbing 5 banks in 3 states. The latest bank to be hit was in East Hartford yesterday. Police believe her robbery spree started Monday in Montville, then Tuesday in Westerly, Rhode Island and Wednesday back to Connecticut where Brown allegedly threatened to blow up a bank in Middletown.

**News**                                      **09/26/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

A second Springfield area bank robbed in the past three days. But this time it wasn't the woman believed responsible for Thursday's heist at the West Springfield branch of Webster savings bank. This morning it was man who reportedly handed a note to a teller at Bank North on Sumner Avenue at the X in Springfield. Springfield police Lt. William Collins told 22News the black man wearing a hoody and probably a wig took the money, (although it's not clear how much) and got away in a car he had parked down the street. Lt. Collins told 22News, a bank employee chased the bandit out of the business, but to no avail.

**News**                                      **09/28/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

A scary few moments for shoppers at the Wal-Mart on Springfield Road in Westfield, the store was full of people at 5:15pm when all customers were ordered out of the store. 22news received several frantic calls from shoppers trying to figure out what was going on according to Westfield police Lt. David Ragazzini someone had called in a bomb scare warning that an explosive device would detonate by a certain time. Officers were called off the scene long after the deadline had come and gone. The Wal-Mart never reopened for business tonight.

**News**                                      **09/29/09**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**



Springfield Police need your help in finding the man suspected of robbing the same bank branch twice five months apart. This image comes from surveillance video from a robbery at the TD Banknorth Branch on Sumner Avenue on Saturday. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22News detectives believe this man is the same person who robbed the same bank on April 24th.

**News**

**09/29/09**

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Springfield police have arrested a suspect in connection with last month's home invasion on East Street. Springfield Police Captain C-Lee Bennett told 22news, detectives spotted 18 year old Mark Failey on State Street, and arrested him on outstanding warrants. Failey faces a long list of serious charges including Home Invasion, Kidnapping and Robbery with a firearm, Assault and Battery with a dangerous weapon and Intimidation of a Witness. Failey was a target of a month-long police manhunt.

**News**

**09/30/09**

**11pm**

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Springfield Police made the city a little safer tonight by taking a loaded gun off the streets. According to Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney, Jovan Campbell, Jermall Williams, and Brandon Woodall have all been charged with carrying a firearm and possession of ammunition. A patrol officer noticed a driver and passengers trying to hide something during a traffic stop near Bradley Road this afternoon. Police seized Marijuana and a loaded revolver. All three will be arraigned tomorrow.

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**News                                      07/02/09                                      11pm                                      : 30**

"Project 13" has a goal of a "100% graduation rate" in Holyoke. "Project 13" is a drop-out prevention program. The Holyoke chapter officially launched today at Heritage Park. They target 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, those most at-risk for losing interest in school.

**News                                      07/02/09                                      5pm                                      : 30**

The governor is seeking the power to take over underperforming schools in the Commonwealth. The state is reportedly eyeing 30 schools across the state for takeover, mainly in urban areas. And people here in Western Massachusetts are keeping a close eye on this proposal. The Patrick administration isn't talking at this point about what schools might be affected. A top state official said that Massachusetts law allows the takeover of school districts. The federal No Child Left Behind Law allows states to take control of failing schools. But it's not known whether that prevails over state law. Now the governor's plan to obtain legislative approval to possibly take over some schools in the state comes as he seeks federal stimulus funds to revamp public education in the state.

**News                                      07/08/09                                      6pm                                      : 30**

Community colleges in Massachusetts are seeing a surge in enrollments, and it's getting harder to get into state colleges. The high costs of private colleges and a higher unemployment are two factors fueling increased enrollments at state colleges. It's summer but come fall, Springfield Technical Community College is expected to see enrollment up anywhere from 8 to even 10%. And a major reason may be the recession. And tuition costs at community colleges are significantly less than at private colleges and universities. And the affordability factor has many looking to community colleges. Four year state schools, like Westfield State College have seen an increase in applicants, up 5% this year. But with more looking to state schools to save money, more applicants can mean more selectivity that it is tougher to get in. This year, the school accepted just 50 percent of applicants, whereas previously that used to be about 60%. For many current Westfield State students affordability was a big factor in their decision to attend. And many students chose state schools so they won't be saddled with heavy debt from student loans after they graduate. At Westfield State, tuition and to live on campus, runs about \$15,000 yearly versus, up to \$40,000 that some private schools charge.

**News                                      07/08/09                                      6pm                                      : 30**

Some students in Springfield are taking a cultural experience to the extreme. These students are participating in the Chinese Immersion Program at Boland Elementary School. They are receiving instruction in the language and culture by participating in Chinese exercises, music and academics. Students and teachers communicate only in Chinese. The kids say this is knowledge they will use in the future.

**News**                                      **07/15/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

The United States Secretary of Education will be in Massachusetts tomorrow to promote the state's education reform efforts. Secretary Duncan will be in Boston to meet with Governor Deval Patrick. Patrick's efforts to re-vamp the state's education system with his "Readiness Project" have been sidelined due to budget cuts but he has recently been focusing on changes that can be implemented with little cost. Patrick has also proposed a take over of 30 so-called "failing schools."

**News**                                      **08/13/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Our cash-strapped commonwealth is cutting grants to college students. The Bay State is among several states across the country making deep cuts to college financial aid programs. State officials say many Mass Grants recipients could see hundreds of dollars less aid this year compared to last. Local students worry the cuts will make their "big school bills" even bigger.

**News**                                      **08/24/09**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Enrollment is up at community colleges across the state. It all boils down the economy, the unemployment rate here in the bay state sits at 8.8 percent. We all know finding a job right now is difficult, many are seizing the opportunity to get an education. Starting September 8th Holyoke Community College will be anything but quiet. This year enrollment is up 20% from last year. Many of the new students are men. The college is adding more courses along with instructors. Courses that were once considered an inconvenience for some are now in high demand, and enrollment in weekend, evening and online courses up 40%. HCC's president is advising students to take public transportation. The school has nearly 2,000 parking spaces and over 7,000 students.

**News**                                      **08/31/09**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

It's back to school for kids across the Pioneer Valley. Summer vacation is over. Monday morning is the first day of school. Emotions aside, there is work to be done in city schools. One area of concern is attendance but the school system is rolling out an aggressive new plan to make sure students are here every single day. Another goal is to get test scores up. Eleven schools in the city have been targeted and will be closely monitored throughout the year. The plans are part of a larger goal to improve education in Springfield.

**News**                                      **09/01/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield College hopes to be the "go-to" resource for wellness and nutrition information. The school officially opened its new Center for Wellness Education and Research today. The center will focus on research in exercise, nutrition, and wellness.

**News**                                      **09/02/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

One local school district opened its doors today, but with no art, no music program, and a diminished physical education program. School has begun here today, but with serious cuts. Parents want teachers rehired and programs restarted, and the fundraiser they've launched has seen some success. The Sustain Our Schools of Sunderland began after the town failed to pass a tax limit override to make up for lost town revenue. So far parents have raised almost 30 thousand dollars but still have a long way to go for their goal of 100-thousand dollars by September 15th. Now they're turning to companies. Parents say enlarged class sizes and lack of cultural education, could hurt their children's futures.

**News**                                      **09/25/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Usually the students are the ones getting the report cards but now, the Springfield School District is getting graded. The district conducted a Harris poll survey which analyzed the satisfaction of students, teachers, staff and parents with the school system. The Springfield School system received a B. The poll found most respondents are satisfied with Springfield's public schools, but believe that there is room for improvement.

**News**                                      **09/28/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

New tonight, a big boost for those pursuing science careers at a local university. UMASS Amherst has been awarded just over 7 million dollars in federal stimulus money to create shared lab space, and build two new lab oratories in the Lederle Graduate Research Center on campus. The funds will be combined with campus funds to under take an 11.7 million dollar renovation of three floors in the biochemistry, molecular biology and chemistry departments.

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**News                                      07/01/09                                      11pm                                      : 30**

State environmental officials are looking for bids to install solar-powered energy at some publicly owned facilities. The plan to generate 16 megawatts of solar-powered energy will bring panels to Westfield State College, and state water resource facilities. The solar stimulus plan's 20 million dollars will help finance the solar installations. The energy and environmental board says it is seeking bids to install a set of solar panels to produce 5.35 megawatts of electricity.

**News                                      07/01/09                                      11pm                                      : 30**

Scientists have long cited fossil fuels as an environmental hazard, but kicking our addiction to oil may also save consumers in the long run. They're used to heat our homes, drive our cars, and even send our mail. There's no avoiding American's dependence on fossil fuels. If your earnings are at the mercy of your electric, gas, or car bills now a 47% percent increase is certainly unwelcome! That's how much more each Massachusetts resident will pay for these services in 20 years. Environment Massachusetts, a state advocacy organization, crunched the numbers and released a report on Tuesday. The headline: Massachusetts will spend more than \$545 billion on fossil fuels by 2030. Now when we put in monetary terms how much it's actually costing us, I think it's starting to wake people, once again to the actual damage of fossil fuels. Local agencies hope these results will inspire the state to invest in renewable resources. In the past manufacturers have cited the high cost of electricity as reason to move their operations outside of Massachusetts now, investing in alternative energy could really give the bay state an economic advantage. It would create jobs, boost the economy, and benefit the environment.

**News                                      07/03/09                                      5pm                                      : 30**

Farmers here in the Pioneer Valley say their produce is growing slow this summer. All the rain we've been having has caused a slow down in the corn production in Western Massachusetts.

**News                                      08/03/09                                      5pm                                      : 30**

A scare at a New Bedford trash disposal company after hazardous fumes knocked at least 10 people unconscious and sent more than 50 people to the hospital. At least two victims are in critical condition according to authorities. Chief Paul Leger says firefighters responded to ABC Disposal Service Incorporated just after 10 this morning to a report that something that had been brought to the facility was making people sick. The victims were decontaminated

by a hazardous materials team on site before being taken to area hospitals. Investigators are trying to locate the source of the fumes.

**News**                                      **08/10/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A serious bacteria infection is killing off a good portion of Connecticut's honey bees. According to the Hampden county beekeepers association there hasn't been an outbreak locally but since this bacteria is spread through airborne spores and through sharing equipment local bee keepers and farmers say they're keeping an eye out for it. Nearly half of Connecticut's 2,600 registered beehives have been infected with American foulbrood bacteria. This bacterium can cause a disease which can kill whole colonies. Local beekeepers say the bacterium hasn't spread to Hampden County yet, but they're worried it could. And that also affects local farmers who depend on bees to pollinate their crops. So this overall bee shortage is causing local honey prices to go up and that's a problem for local bee keepers who are trying to compete with cheap imports from China or India.

**News**                                      **08/11/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

People who live in and near Russell had the chance to hear about the plan to place a wood-burning power plant in their town. It was an overflow crowd at tonight's town meeting at the Russell Elementary School. The developers are stressing the benefits of biomass, but it's a hard sell to both people in town, as well as those who live down the valley.

**News**                                      **08/12/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Experts are calling it an Asian beetle invasion in Massachusetts. One year ago this month a Worcester woman found a peculiar insect in her yard and reported it to the government today more than 26-thousand trees have been chopped down and thousands more are in danger of dying because of it. Millions of Asian Longhorned Beetles have now destroyed a three square mile area of Worcester. It's got a distinctive look it's big and black with white dots and a long antennae. It feeds on 11 different species of trees, including Maple, Birch and Willow. State officials urge residents, if you see it, say something.

**News**                                      **08/18/09**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Seven Boston employees were treated for nausea and rashes after entering a vacant warehouse this morning. Boston fire department spokesperson Steve MacDonald says four firefighters; two E-M-T's and a building inspector had to be decontaminated after being overcome by a foul odor at the warehouse in South Boston. MacDonald says the workers didn't have to be hospitalized he says the seven went into the building after a neighbor reported seeing a truck back into the warehouse yesterday leaving something behind.

**News**                                      **09/04/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

A gas leak forced dozens of local residents out of their apartment building in Florence tonight. Northampton Fire officials evacuated the Meadow Brook apartment complex on Bridge Road

just before 6 tonight. The Northampton deputy fire chief Steven Vanasse told 22news that the gas leak in building one was caused by construction workers who were trying to repair the electrical system that malfunctioned two days ago. The 6 unit building was vacant at the time, but nearby buildings 2 and 29 were evacuated for about 2 hours as a precaution.

**News**                                      **09/11/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

The opposition isn't backing down in its efforts to keep a Wood-Burning power plant from locating in the town Russell, more than one hundred people the Russell Elementary School Gym tonight for a combined Planning and Zoning board public hearing. The proposed Russell Biomass Plant's asking for five special permits. One would allow them to increase their daily truck traffic.

**News**                                      **09/17/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Two Springfield medical buildings were evacuated this morning because of a gas leak. Doctors and patients, including people getting chemo, were evacuated from Baystate Medical Center's Cancer facility and a medical building next door on Main Street.

**News**                                      **09/25/09**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

It's looking more like fall as well. Over the last couple of weeks we've been seeing more and more color on the trees. In the Berkshires and parts of Hampshire County there are reports of moderate color. In the Springfield area we are seeing mainly patchy color. On average we usually see peak color in the Berkshires between Oct. 1st and Oct. 10th, in Franklin County between Oct. 5th through the 15<sup>th</sup>, in Hampshire County between the 10th and the 20th and in Hampden County between the 12th and the 22nd. So within the next couple of weeks we should see some peak color across parts western Massachusetts.

**News**                                      **09/25/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

After a few days of unseasonably warm weather, much cooler air has moved in. It has been beautiful over the last couple of days with plenty of sunshine and temperatures running about 10 degrees above normal. But things have definitely changed and it's now starting to feel much more like fall. Yesterday, highs temperatures were up around 80 degrees, today we were about 15 degrees cooler with highs in the 60s, and with a gusty wind from the north it felt even cooler. Some spots did see some frost last weekend but with temperatures expected to get down around freezing in some areas tonight a Frost Advisory has been issued for Franklin and Berkshire Counties from 2AM until 8AM Saturday morning. On average we see our first frost in the Springfield area around September 29th, in the Northampton area around September 20th and in Franklin County around September 16th.

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**News                                      07/01/09                                      11pm                                      : 30**

An employee at Baystate Medical Center has been infected with the swine flu. Hospital spokesman Keith O'Connor confirms that the employee is a nurse. O'Connor says that the she is recovering at home, and is doing well. He says this is an isolated case and the public need not be alarmed.

**News                                      07/02/09                                      11pm                                      : 30**

Massachusetts is the second thinnest state in the country, with a 21% obesity rate. A "Trust for America's Health" report reveals obesity rates among adults rose in 23 states over the past year.

**News                                      08/05/09                                      12pm                                      : 30**

High unemployment is draining a state program that provides health insurance to people who are out of work. The Boston Globe is reporting that state officials say the medical security program will run out of money by January because more people are unemployed. The office of labor and workforce development is proposing an increase in per employee taxes, but business leaders say that would put a strain on companies that are already struggling.

**News                                      08/05/09                                      12pm                                      : 30**

Local cities and towns prepare for a potential swine flu outbreak. Tonight, three communities reveal their plans to prevent this potentially deadly virus. Springfield is gearing up for what could be a busy flu season. The H1N1 virus is in the mix this year and the city isn't taking any chances. There's a swine flu task force in place to plan and prepare for a potential outbreak. Division of Health and Human Services Director Helen Caulton Harris says they're taking a three prong approach. The Springfield swine flu task force meets every week to continue developing a plan of action. Here in Chicopee, a 12 member task force is scheduled to meet every two weeks this fall. They're in charge of planning and prevention efforts. Mayor Michael Bissonette told 22News, the city will offer swine flu vaccine, starting with 'at-risk' groups. In the meantime, they're focusing on raising awareness on the H1N1 virus. West Springfield's approach also makes schools a priority. And that could be as early as October.

**News                                      08/07/09                                      6pm                                      : 30**



It's all about prevention at UMASS Amherst. They're hoping information will be the key to preventing an outbreak. Colleges are known for being a breeding ground for viruses. Still some UMASS Amherst students think they're immune from swine flu. That's why the school is making sure to arm its students with tools and information. If you're a new student, they've giving out bags of food and inside are hand sanitizer. They're just giving them out so it helps a lot. The University is trying to educate students about how to prevent swine flu. They've put up informative posters in resident halls and they've even sent out emails. But the school's website is giving out tips that go beyond hand washing, they include coughing into your elbow and not sharing drinks all things to make sure this is a healthy and productive school year. If students do contract swine flu, there is a plan in place to handle that situation. Students will have to stay out of classes and the faculty has been instructed that they will have to work with absences if students do get sick.

**News**

**08/17/09**

**11pm**

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Paying for health insurance may soon be even more of a headache. Massachusetts' largest health insurers say they plan to raise premiums by 7 to 12 percent next year. Insurers predicted that many employers will try to cut costs by instituting "cost sharing," which boosts co-pays for doctor visits, or by offering less comprehensive coverage. That puts the burden of higher premiums of workers rather than their employers.

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**News                                      07/13/09                                      5:30pm                                      : 30**

It's back-to-work for 80 workers at a Greenfield tool company nearly three months after being laid off. A Kennametal Incorporated spokeswoman says the employees came back today and include nearly everyone placed on extended furlough. The 137 year old plant was formerly known as Greenfield Tap & Die and employed about 35 hundred people at its height during the 1940's and 50's.

**News                                      07/15/09                                      6pm                                      : 30**

Summer is passing by, but many teens are still trying to find work. Only two thirds of the jobs that were supposed to be created by 850 thousand in federal stimulus dollars have been filled. It hasn't been an easy summer for teen job searchers. The problem, unemployment has them competing with more people, for fewer jobs. Some teens have been able to get help through millions of dollars in federal stimulus dollars, but even some of those programs have started to run behind. There is some frustration that more teens haven't gotten into positions yet. The Youth Employment Program for Hampshire and Franklin County says they're hoping to have 50 more in place, by the beginning of next week.

**News                                      07/16/09                                      5pm                                      : 30**

More Bay Staters are out of work. The unemployment rate has reached 8.6 percent in Massachusetts for the month of June with the state losing the most jobs in government, construction, and manufacturing. The Commonwealth is still doing a little better than the nation as a whole however. The national unemployment rate for June is 9.5 percent.

**News                                      07/17/09                                      12pm                                      : 30**

The unemployment rate in Massachusetts rose to 8.6 percent in June as employers and workers struggled with the ongoing recession. Education health services and leisure and hospitality posted the biggest monthly job gains, the largest declines occurred in government, construction, and manufacturing. The U.S. Labor Department says unemployment topped 10-percent in 16 states last month. The highest was in Michigan at 15-percent the first time any state hit that mark since 1984.

**News                                      07/27/09                                      5:30pm                                      : 30**

A helping hand for local job seekers to improve their chances of getting hired, Holyoke Community College hosted career workshops at the Kittredge Center today. Participating job

seekers learned how to create a winning resume, enhance their job search and interviewing skills and make themselves more marketable.

**News**                                      **08/05/09**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

High unemployment is draining a state program that provides health insurance to people who are out of work. The Boston Globe is reporting that state officials say the medical security program will run out of money by January because more people are unemployed. The office of labor and workforce development is proposing an increase in per employee taxes, but business leaders say that would put a strain on companies that are already struggling.

**News**                                      **08/10/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Federal stimulus funds are helping create thousands of jobs for your people here in the Bay state. More than 10,000 young people are spending at least some of their summer break working at jobs created by state and federal funding across Massachusetts. The money helped create jobs for people between the ages of 14 and 24 in 60 cities and towns. Gov. Deval Patrick said the state has surpassed its initial summer jobs goal by committing more than \$30 million in state and federal stimulus money to the task.

**News**                                      **08/11/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Mass Mutual, one of Springfield's biggest employers is planning to cut hundreds of jobs by the end of the year. Since spring, MassMutual has been slashing jobs across the board and 22News has confirmed, as many as 4 to 8 percent of the workforce will be eliminated by year's end, which translates to around 400 jobs gone. MassMutual Life Insurance Company is one of the area's largest employers, founded in 1951 as of 2008 6,200 people were employed in Springfield and Enfield. But word today from company spokesperson Mark Cybulski, was the ongoing effort to streamline operations would continue this week. MassMutual began passing out the pink slips in April of this year. The company, suffering from financial hardships, as many companies are these days, will continue to cut its workforce. People who are laid off in this latest round were notified this week, they would no longer have a job, though an exact number wasn't made available. Some of those who work in the business and corporate sectors in Springfield and Enfield are being offered severance packages. But again, by January as many as 480 people could be in the unemployment line.

**News**                                      **08/14/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Although the job market is still struggling, July numbers are showing an uptick that could mean a positive forecast for jobseekers. Getting a job in today's market means being persistent and resilient, but there is some good news for jobseekers that may help fuel your fire. Although figures for the month of July show the job market is still struggling there is hope on the horizon. The number of job postings this July went up versus last year at this same time. Some of the top job postings include health care, retail, and food services. And Future Works is trying to help people get those jobs. One thing to remember when applying

to jobs is make sure your not just sending your resume off blindly you meet the requirements inn the job description and your not just wasting your time.

**News**                                      **08/21/09**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

A local youth employment program is celebrating another successful year. The Massachusetts Career Development Institute held a breakfast this morning at the basketball hall of fame to offer a big thank you to students for a job well done. This year the program placed over 500 local youth in jobs based here in the Pioneer Valley. Those who participated say a hands-on experience is the best way to learn a new trade.

**News**                                      **08/21/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Unemployment numbers are hitting young people hard. An employment fair in Holyoke today focused just on those between the ages of 16 and 24. As older workers look for second jobs and experienced workers get laid off these job seekers are now in competition with people twice their age with twice the experience.

**News**                                      **08/28/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

A possible ray of hope for the unemployed here in the Pioneer Valley, according to USA Today, a new survey shows that 53 percent of employers plan to hire full time employees in the next 12 months. The research shows that 4 in 10 bosses plan to hire contract, temporary or project workers, and another 4 in 10 will be hiring part timers.

**News**                                      **09/02/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Some job seekers are finding themselves spending a lot of time at the library. A national study by the American Library Association says libraries are staying pretty busy with people looking to create resumes or do job related searches online. It's a trend local librarians are seeing as well.

**News**                                      **09/03/09**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

New unemployment numbers show that the rate of people losing their jobs is slowing but that more people are still receiving unemployment. There's been a steady stream of small improvements to the economy, but these unemployment numbers matched with reports of retail sales declines for August may mean a long road to recovery. New unemployment numbers show fewer people are being laid off than a month ago, but the rate hasn't slowed much. And for many Franklin County residents like they're more concerned with hearing that more companies are hiring. The labor Department says the number of laid-off workers applying for benefits dropped to 570,000 a few weeks ago. The problem, it's not as low as most economists had expected. Labor department numbers show that 92 thousand more people were receiving unemployment benefits, than a week earlier. The good news, that lower week was the lowest number of people receiving benefits, since April.

**News**

**09/04/09**

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New numbers from the US Department of Labor are painting a grim picture for job seekers. The national unemployment rate is now at 9.7 percent the highest it has been in 26 years. The latest numbers from the US Department of Labor show the nation's job market continued its steady decline in August. At 9.7 percent the country's unemployment rate is the highest it has been since 1983. As unemployment numbers rise demand for services at Career Point in Holyoke is also steadily climbing. Continuing the trend the report shows the construction industry cut the most jobs, while the health care industry added the most. But as job seekers are finding even though the medical field is hiring, competition is tough. And judging by the numbers the hunt for many of these people may not end soon. The Cash for Clunkers program did have an impact on jobs according to the report released today. There were 5-thousand new jobs at auto dealers but 15-thousand jobs were lost at auto plants and auto parts makers.

**News**

**09/07/09**

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For the first time in history, women may be about to surpass men in the workforce. According to USA Today, Men make up 74% of the population of people who have lost their jobs as a result of the recession? So that's one of the reasons women are approaching the majority of the workforce. Now, according to a USA Today article, experts say that women could surpass men in the workforce as soon as October. Currently, women hold 49.83 percent of the nation's jobs according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**News**

**09/08/09**

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One of Springfield's biggest employers is handing out dozens of pink slips. MassMutual spokesperson Mark Cybluski told 22News that 160 positions are being eliminated. He says it is the final phase of an initiative launched in the spring to streamline the workforce. The layoffs are expected to produce a net workforce reduction of four to eight percent at MassMutual.

**News**

**09/08/09**

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The jobless picture is about to get worse. By Thanksgiving, 400-thousand unemployed people in Massachusetts will have exhausted their unemployment benefits. Thousands of unemployed people in the state are getting a dreaded letter notifying them that their unemployment benefits are drying up. By the end of the week 25 hundred Massachusetts residents will lose their unemployment benefits. That number will jump to 400-thousand by Thanksgiving. Some have already extended their benefits up to 79 weeks a record in Massachusetts. With 400,000 people across the state of Massachusetts expecting to receive their last check within the next couple of months resources like the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts are expecting to see an increase in demand. Compared to last year the food bank has already made 750-thousand more meals available. Until they get that last check in the mail many people are scrambling to find work before they have to reach for the next level of government aid. Andrew Moorehouse from the food bank encourages anyone who needs

help putting food on the table to consider the federal food stamp program, now called the supplemental nutrition assistance program or SNAP. The next step for some would be welfare.

**News**                                      **09/10/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A Franklin County hospital is the latest to announce job cuts. Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield is eliminating 51 jobs and closing some units to deal with a \$1.6 million dollar operating loss last year. Officials at the Greenfield hospital say the outpatient behavioral health and substance abuse units will be closed, and those services will be handled by the human services agency, Service Net. The programs will close Dec. 9.

**News**                                      **09/14/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

The challenging economy is driving more people to apply for jobs at New England's largest fair. Big E President Wayne McCary told 22News, they've seen an additional 1 thousand applicants this season. That's about a 15 to 20-percent increase over last year. He says the pool of job seekers is not only bigger, but many are overqualified.

**News**                                      **09/18/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

The debate over casino gambling in Massachusetts continues. And some people in the town of Palmer are hoping that if the casino does come to their area it will bring a wave of job opportunities. The possibility of a casino coming to the town of Palmer is getting people from all over Western Massachusetts talking about the potential. Right now we're outside of the Mohegan sun office located in down town Palmer and some residents told 22news having a casino here in their community will not only impact their neighborhood but also throughout the Pioneer Valley. If gambling is legalized in Massachusetts, Mohegan's proposal is to create over 1,000 construction jobs and 3,000 permanent casino jobs for residents of Palmer, Springfield and the entire Pioneer Valley. Thursday night the Pioneer Valley Jobs coalition, who support Mohegan Sun's proposal, met to discuss the need for economic development in the area. Casinos usually have a mixed impact on the economy there are jobs that are created but there's a lot of money that leaves the area because the casino investors are usually out of town and very often out of the country.

**News**                                      **09/18/09**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Local employment experts say the Springfield job market is still in the doldrums. Year over year numbers are down, but despite the grim news, a Springfield career center believes the job market is moving in the right direction. Future Works Career Center in Springfield served more than 27-hundred job seekers in August. Their latest employment statistics show, that number's up 10-percent from the same time last year. The good news is that's down 9-percent from July. The number of employers listing job postings at Future Works remained flat in August. Business Services Manager Kevin Lynn told 22News, it's the result of businesses being cautious, and making the most productivity out of their current staff. Future

Works did serve 24-percent more employers in August than in June. The top job posting sector was health care and social assistance.

**News**                                      **09/22/09**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Jobless people might be in for another 13-week extension of their unemployment benefits. First it was at 26 weeks, then it was extended to 79 weeks and now this new bill could allow some states to offer up to 92 weeks of unemployment benefits, ten weeks shy of two years. Times are tough, and for those who are unemployed, it's even tougher. The job process as far as finding that right employer and going through the steps of getting employed, it takes a lot of time. That's why Congress is considering a bill that would provide an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits for states that have 8.5 percent unemployment or higher. And that includes Massachusetts whose unemployment rate reached 9.1 percent in August. If it becomes law, this extension would help more than 300,000 jobless people in some of the states hardest hit by unemployment.

**News**                                      **09/22/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

If you are looking for a job, listen up. Jewish social service agencies are holding a series of career workshops, starting tonight at the Springfield Jewish Community Center. A career coach will offer her services free of charge to help the unemployed and those with dead end jobs get their lives back on track.

**News**                                      **09/25/09**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A job fair in Holyoke gets creative offering hot dogs along with hot jobs. Finding a new job in this tough market can be challenging but there are things you can do to give yourself an edge. Also having perseverance and confidence can get you far. In an effort to raise the spirits of job seekers, Career Point decided to throw an outdoor job fair. But it wasn't the ordinary employer booths lined around a room. Instead it was held at Sheard Park in Holyoke where jobseekers enjoyed hot dogs, music, and activities for their kids. Some of the industries hiring include health care, customer service, and IT. Many of the jobseekers were able to fill out an application on the spot. An employer here at the job fair said that job seekers should remember to hone their skills take classes while their unemployed so they look more attractive to future employers .

**The following is WWLP programming addressing Smoking during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2009. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News**

**08/26/09**

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The right to smoke in private clubs remains intact tonight in East Longmeadow. According to East Longmeadow Board of Health Chairman Jim Driscoll, no one took the opportunity to speak in favor of a proposed smoking ban at tonight's public hearing. But there was plenty of opposition from representatives of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus. They say people know smoking's allowed in these private clubs and they can choose to come in, or not.

**News**

**08/31/09**

**5pm**

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Even small amounts of smoke raise the risk of death from cardiovascular disease, including stroke, that's according to the results of a new study, that study released this afternoon by the American Heart Association finds that even smoking just several cigarettes a day raises the risk, and by the way those exposed to low levels of second hand smoke are at risk. The Associate Director of the Cardiac Cauterization Lab at Baystate Medical Center said it's hard to determine what constitutes a "low level" of tobacco exposure.

**News**

**09/09/09**

**11pm**

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An anti-smoking organization has an idea to cut health care costs, impose higher premiums on smokers. The group, "Action on Smoking and Health, or "ASH," wants to incorporate a user fee on health insurance premiums for those who choose to smoke. The idea makes sense to local non-smokers who think it might result in fewer people who smoke.