

Issues/Programs Report

Third Quarter 2014

Main Focuses:

Sobriety and DUI's, Bad Storms/Tornadoes, EPA Hearings/Protests, Drug Busts, and Scam Alerts!

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The licensee of station, WDTV, has determined that the issues listed here were of importance to the community during the past three months, and have aired the following programs to address those issues, during the fourth quarter, dated July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014.

Issue #1: Sobriety and DUI's

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 7/2-7/5.

5 PM, 6 PM, 11 PM, Daybreak, and Midday shows for approximately 2-3 minutes each on all dates indicated above.

DUI cases are up across our region over the past year. Sobriety seems to be an issue we're getting worse on, not better. So, 5 News took an in-depth look at the issue over the better part of a week, and even gave viewers a first-hand look at what happens when police arrest someone on suspicion of being high or drunk behind the wheel.

Issue #2: Bad Storms/Tornadoes

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 7/10-7/18

5 PM, 6 PM, 11 PM, Daybreak, and Midday shows for approximately 1-3 minutes each, each day in the date range indicated above.

In July, a couple of tornadoes hit North Central West Virginia in a seven day span. Taylor and Monongalia were some of the hardest hit areas. We alerted people to the potential of severe storms beforehand, covered the storms as they happened, and examined the damage in the days after each system hit.

Issue #3: EPA Hearings/Protests

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 7/30-8/2 (every day)

5 PM, 6 PM, 11 PM, Daybreak, and Midday shows for approximately 2-3 minutes each.

In early August, miners (and their families) converged on Pittsburgh to protest outside the EPA hearings that were being held there over a two-day period. Beforehand, we previewed the hearings and the protests that were expected. During the hearings, 5 News went live from Pittsburgh to update people on the status of the hearings, as well as the protests surrounding them.

Issue #4: Depression

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 8/11-8/18

5 PM, 11 PM, Daybreak, and Midday shows for approximately 1-2 minutes each.

Robin Williams' suicide was a national news story that was of high interest locally. So, 5 News did a news story a day over the course of a week examining the depression issue/epidemic. We told parents and kids what to do if they're feeling depressed, and how to identify the symptoms. We also took a look at how it can ruin your personal/professional life, and the best possible treatments.