



**WDOD FM**  
**ISSUES/ PROGRAM REPORT**  
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**October 1 - December 31, 2023**

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Description of program broadcast on this station providing the most significant treatment of community issues during the quarter beginning on October 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2023. Specific descriptions of programming which addresses the issues is attached.

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## ISSUES/PROGRAMS LISTS

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## **Economy**

<b><u>Program Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Duration</u></b>	<b><u>Brief Description</u></b>
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WDOD FM News	10/2/23	7:00am	1:00	Chattanooga's Volkswagen Plant was impacted by what they called a "Global I-T Malfunction". Representatives say things are back to normal. We know that plants across the globe were affected. The company did not say what exactly caused the outage.
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WDOD FM News	10/20/23	6:00am	1:00	Production is underway at a new solar plant in Dalton. The expansion by Q-Cells created more than 500 jobs in that area. The company says they can now generate more than 5 gigawatts of solar power. That is almost 40% of the U.S. solar panel capacity. Q-Cells opened their first plant in Georgia back in 2019.
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WDOD FM News	10/31/23	8:00am	1:00	Publix faces a new lawsuit. It alleges the company failed to pay overtime to some of its employees. The lawsuit claims a handful of assistant department managers at Publix stores in Tennessee, Georgia and Florida failed to receive hundreds of hour of overtime pay. They say stores compelled and expected them to perform duties off the clock. The law group representing the managers filed the suit Friday.
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WDOD FM News	11/14/23	7:00am	1:00	We now know more about an accident in Chatsworth that killed a Sprin-turf employee. OSHA released a preliminary report that says Jerry Norris got caught in a roll-up machine. Another employee leaned down near the machine and caused a sensor to activate, according to a report. OSHA says that Sprin-turf did not develop a procedure to control potentially hazardous conditions.
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WDOD FM News	11/16/23	6:00am	1:00	The Chattanooga City Council voted to remove the light pillars on the pier by the Riverfront. The decision passed unanimously at last night's meeting. The lights are part of an art project and cost the city thousands to put up. Recently a windstorm knock one of the lights down. The possibility of that happening again and hurting someone is the reason city officials approved moving the lights.
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WDOD FM News	11/17/23	8:00am	1:00	OSHA fined a Chatsworth business more than 200 thousand dollars saying the company is responsible for an employee's death earlier this year. That employee, Jerry Norris was crushed by a rollup machine at Sprin-Turf on Industrial Boulevard. OSHA says the business did not have a procedure to control the hazardous area. The agency issued citations to Sprin-Turf earlier this month.
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WDOD FM News    12/5/23        7:00am        1:00                    Middle Tennessee  
could soon see its first "In-N-Out" burger. The company filed a request with Nashville's Metro Planning Department this week. The requested location is more than 3 thousand square feet according to WZTV in Nashville. Earlier this year "In-N-Out" announced plans to place a corporate hub in Franklin. The company says this move will create more than 200 jobs.

WDOD FM News    12/11/23        6:00am        1:00                    Hundreds of  
Volkswagen employees in Chattanooga have moved to authorize a vote to join the "United Auto Workers" union. This is not the first time there has been a push for unionization at the plant. There were previous votes in 2014 and 2019. The vote 2014 vote failed by 87 votes. The one in 2019 it failed again by just 58 votes. We've reached out to Volkswagen of Chattanooga for comment.

WDOD FM News    12/14/23        8:00am        1:00                    Members of the  
community are invited to join a ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the new Waymark Hotel. It's part of a collection of Luxury Hotels by Hilton. The development will be built on the site of the old Chattanooga Bank Building. The 10 story building is more than 100 thousand square feet.

WDOD FM News    12/20/23        7:00am        1:00                    The president of the  
United Auto Workers joined Volkswagen Chattanooga employees in front of the plant yesterday. Employees there continue to push for union representation. Volkswagen Chattanooga denies accusations that the company engages in unfair labor practices. The UAW tried to set up shop at Volkswagen Chattanooga 2 times before in 2014 and 2019. Both attempts failed.

WDOD FM News    12/22/23        6:00am        1:00                    Signal Mountain  
police are looking for a Miami man they say committed bank fraud and identity theft. Police have a felony warrant out for Michael Knight according to a Facebook post. That post says a Signal Mountain detective has been working with the Miami-Dade sheriff's department and the regional organized crime information center. They're trying identify the license plate Knight used while stealing from an ATM.

Issues Chattanooga    12/31/23        4:45am        15:00                    Gary Thurman from  
Guardian Investment Advisors joined us to talk about our 401K for 2024. He gave us financial advice on investments and budgeting our money wisely.

## Education

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
WDOD FM News	10/5/23	6:00am	1:00	For the first time in U.S. history the Speaker of the House is voted out and by his own party. The motion to vacate was brought forward by fellow republican Matt Gaetz. The effort came less than a week after McCarthy relied on democrats to pass a stop-gap bill to avert a government shutdown. Gaetz promised a vote to oust McCarthy if that happened.
WDOD FM News	10/5/23	7:00am	1:00	Whether you're at a doctor's appointment or in a quiet space later today at 2:20 in the afternoon FEMA and the FCC will be testing the emergency alert system and wireless emergency alerts. You may receive a message on our cell phone, radio or television. The test is to ensure the systems are working properly. You do not need to take any action.
WDOD FM News	10/5/23	8:00am	1:00	Sequatchie County schools say they'll dismiss classes early this Friday. School officials tell us there's a shortage of substitute bus drivers. They say car riders will leave at 11:20 and students will load buses at 11:30. The district has asked parents to make plans around these changes so their child can get home safe.
WDOD FM News	10/6/23	6:00am	1:00	The Hamilton County commission voted to postpone a more than one million dollar project at Rivermont Elementary. The school is one of three facilities recommended by a task force for closure in the Red Bank area. They then want to combine them into a much bigger school. Some parents and teachers say they're still concerned about the impact it could have if approved.
Issues Chattanooga	10/29/23	4:45am	15:00	Marandia Wilkerson from the Medal of Honor Heritage Center described the new exhibit for the latest Medal of Honor recipient from Chattanooga.
WDOD FM News	10/30/23	7:00am	1:00	Ancient fossils discovered in Lookout Mountain Cave are on their way to a museum. Local experts believe the bones come from the ice age period. They include an ancient bear skull and a jaguar humerus. Ruby Falls says a paleontologist ETSU will be studying the bones at the Gray Fossil Site.

WDOD FM News    11/1/23        8:00am        1:00                      As parents and grandparents gear up for tonight Georgia's attorney general has a few tips on how to stay safe. Younger children should stay with an adult. Older children should travel in groups. Always walk on sidewalks and paths, stick to familiar neighborhoods and carry a flashlight. Parent should inspect all candy to make sure it is safe.

WDOD FM News    11/8/23        6:00am        1:00                      Tennessee leaders are considering a new path for 3rd graders in the state to move up a grade. Currently a 3rd grade student cannot move up unless they pass a state reading test or attend summer school. The Tennessee State Board of Education is now taking a look at a new policy. It would allow students to move up to 4th grade if they can score as well as half of students did on last year's test but this is only if they are willing to have a tutor all year.

WDOD FM News    11/13/23       7:00am        1:00                      Happening today Hamilton County is honoring veterans ahead of tomorrow's holiday with a special naming ceremony. At 10 this morning the roundabout at Ooltewah-Georgetown Road will officially be dedicated as Veteran's Circle. The ceremony will take place right in front of Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department off I-75 in Ooltewah. Residents are encouraged to join.

WDOD FM News    11/17/23       8:00am        1:00                      Hamilton County commissioners approved 400 thousand dollars for the National Medal of Honor Heritage Center. Some of that money expected to go toward a new historical exhibit honoring medal of honor recipient Larry Taylor. The new exhibit will include a Cobra Helicopter hanging from the ceiling modeled after Larry Taylor's daring rescue in the Vietnam War.

WDOD FM News    11/21/23       6:00am        1:00                      Former First Lady Rosalyn Carter has died. The Carter Center says she passed away at her home in plains, Georgia with family by her side. She was 96 and had entered hospice care six months after she was diagnosed with dementia. Rosalynn was married to Jimmy Carter for 77 years the 39th President of the United States.

WDOD FM News    11/22/23       7:00am        1:00                      A trademark judge recently ruled against the Chattanooga Red Wolves and their logo. Arkansas State University claims the Red Wolves' logo is too similar to theirs. The soccer club argued the city designation and the SC on their logo makes it distinct from Arkansas State. A judge with the U.S. patent and trademark office ruled in favor of the University.





withdraw. The parents said the child's fragile immune system made it dangerous for her to be around other students.

WDOD FM News    12/8/23        6:00am        1:00                      Today is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. On December 7th 1941 24 hundred service members and civilians lost their lives in the 2 hour air raid by Japanese forces on the U.S. Naval Base in Hawaii. The attack shook America's confidence and pulled the country into World War II. Today marks 82 years since the attack.

WDOD FM News    12/15/23        8:00am        1:00                      Georgia's Department of Education is not using a letter system to grade the performance of its schools. The state published the component parts of that grade instead. Those parts include content mastery, progression and on-time graduation. This new system will also give different measurements for different grade levels. Those are divided into Pre-K through fifth grades nine through 12. State superintendent Richard Woods says it is unfair to measure schools with just a letter grade. Critics say the change could make it harder to measure a school's progress.

WDOD FM News    12/19/23        7:00am        1:00                      Two Bradley Central football players had their early signing day Friday. Boo Carter and Marcus Goree Jr. will be Tennessee Vols next fall. They will start school as mid-year enrollees which mean they will be able to practice with the team sooner. The two Bradley Central stars helped lead the Bears to a 13 and 1 record this fall.

WDOD FM News    12/21/23        6:00am        1:00                      Today marks the start of the national signing period where high school seniors across the country will announce where they plan to go to college. The Chattanooga Mocs football team is eyeing a potentially record-breaking haul for this early period. Coach Rusty Wright will hold a press conference today at 3:45 at McKenzie Arena.

WDOD FM News    12/22/23        8:00am        1:00                      Georgia Governor Brian Kemp says public school teachers will get a 1000 dollar bonus before the new year. Governor Brian Kemp also plans to give schools 45 thousand each year for school security. Some Tennessee educators worry that Georgia's pay increase could inspire future teachers to work out of state.

## Crime

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
WDOD FM News	10/2/23	6:00am	1:00	Attorney Robin Flores confirmed the closure of the Blue Light. The bar was in a court battle with Chattanooga's Beer Board over recent violations. Blue Light appealed those but Flores tells us attorneys voluntarily dismissed those appeals. He says there are no plans to re-open the bar.

WDOD FM News	10/2/23	7:00am	1:00	A Chattanooga man is in the hospital this morning after police say he was shot. Chattanooga police say they responded to Norman Lane at around six last night. They found a man with a non-serious gunshot wound. First responders took him to a local hospital. Police believe the victim and a suspect got into an argument inside an apartment and that's when the suspect went for a gun. Police say they are looking for that suspect.
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WDOD FM News	10/3/23	6:00am	1:00	Chattanooga police confirm they have a suspect in custody in connection to the shooting that killed Baylor alumni Christopher Wright. Officers says Darryl Roberts is currently being held in the Hamilton County Jail and Detention Center. Wright and Roberts got into an argument on Market Street Thursday night. At some point Roberts pulled out a gun and shot Wright. Officers are not sure if the two know each other.
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WDOD FM News	10/3/23	7:00am	1:00	HCSO tells us they're investigating a shooting that caused damage to multiple homes and vehicles. Deputies say they responded to a shots fired call at a short term rental property on Brently Estates Drive Friday night. Shortly after arriving deputies say an argument led to a fight and then shots were fired. While on scene HCSO says they found around 60 shell casings on the one block. Surveillance footage reveals 2 different vehicles may have been involved.
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WDOD FM News	10/5/23	8:00am	1:00	A suspect sits behind bars this morning after police linked him to shooting in Chattanooga last Thursday. An arrest report says William Hale shot Chad Knox after an argument. Knox told police the attack happened inside his home on Norman Lane and said he fought to take the gun from the suspect after he shot him in the leg. Hale faces an attempted murder charge.
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WDOD FM News	10/9/23	6:00am	1:00	The TBI is now investigating after a Hamilton County inmate died. The sheriff's office says an inmate was assaulted last Tuesday night. They add it appeared to be a deliberate and planned attack. The
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inmate went to the hospital but passed away yesterday. The name of the inmate who died has not been released and no one has been charged.

WDOD FM News    10/10/23       7:00am       1:00                      We're working to learn why investigators were seen surrounding a duplex in Walker County overnight. It happened on Bragg Circle in Rossville. Walker County deputies were joined by investigators from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. From 10 pm until one in the morning crime scene investigators searched the scene taking pictures and evidence from the house. Just after 12:30 they were seen pulling what looked to be a body bag out the house. The agencies wouldn't discuss it with us.

WDOD FM News    10/10/23       8:00am       1:00                      An investigation is underway after officials found a body in the parking lot of a Marion County restaurant early Sunday morning. The Tennessee Bureau of investigation told us her body will now undergo an autopsy. The TBI did not specify the name of the restaurant.

WDOD FM News    10/11/23       6:00am       1:00                      The Walker County Sheriff's Office says on Sunday night deputies were attempting to arrest James Cook who had an outstanding warrant. He locked himself in a room and when they forced the door open deputies say he shot at them hitting and wounding one deputy. Deputies then returned fire shooting Cook who was pronounced dead on the scene. The GBI says its medical examiner will perform an autopsy on Cook and they will continue an independent investigation. The injured deputy is expected to make a full recovery.

WDOD FM News    10/12/23       7:00am       1:00                      Hamilton County Sheriff Austin Garrett said he plans to assign more deputies to patrol the central business district. Those deputies will partner with Chattanooga police officers already in that area. The county mayor and DA said the death of Christopher Wright led them to make the change. They say staffing problems were also a factor. Recent numbers from CPD show Chattanooga has seen one more homicide this year compared to last year. But the department says crime overall is trending down.

WDOD FM News    10/12/23       8:00am       1:00                      A Hixson business owner faces several child abuse charges. Deputies say they arrested 42 year old Seth Cordell earlier this moth. The county clerk says he is the owner of S and C. Electric Company on Crescent Club Drive. An indictment says the victim was a minor and the abuse happened at least three separate times. Cordell's bond was set at 150 thousand dollars.



the man as Jinks Hartsfield. The sheriff's office says they responded to a car fire near that area last night near the Tennessee River Bridge. Detectives later found the body near the water. An investigation into how this happened is underway.

WDOD FM News      10/25/23      6:00am      1:00      The McMinn County Sheriff's Office says hunters found human remains last week. Deputies say they were found in a wooded area off Highway 30. Detectives collected the remains and the TBI is investigating. Sheriff Joe Guy said the remains are at the Knox County Regional Forensics Center.

WDOD FM News 10/30/23 7:00am 1:00 McKamey Animal Center is now asking for your help in identifying a man and woman who they say stole a kitten from their facility. McKamey tell us this man and woman visited the center yesterday and witnesses saw them take the kitty from the adoption room. They were last seen leaving the parking lot just after 3 yesterday afternoon. If you have any tips or leads to share, McKamey asks that you call their animal protection team.

WDOD FM News 10/31/23 6:00am 1:00 Hamilton County  
deputies have charged 2 students who threatened 2 different schools. The first at Sale Creek Middle/High School involved a shooting threat. Another student made a bomb threat at Red Bank Middle. HCSO says both students later confessed. They now face charges. Deputies add the threats were not credible.

WDOD FM News 10/31/23 8:00am 1:00 Police have not yet identified a suspect after 5 cars were vandalized near the Riverwalk at Cameron Harbor Apartments yesterday. That's according to the Chattanooga. The online source says police drove to Fulton Street after hearing a car alarm while patrolling nearby. All of those cars had broken windows.

WDOD FM News      11/1/23              7:00am              1:00              This morning police are investigating a shooting in East Lake. It all started just before 10 last night. Police were on the scene at 3 locations along main street from 3rd Street to Dodds Avenue. They tell us a person arrived at the hospital suffering a gunshot wound. They are expected to survive.

WDOD FM News      11/7/23      6:00am      1:00      Two female Hamilton County inmates are facing additional charges after police say they distributed fentanyl to other inmates. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office says "Sheyenne Sullivan" and Rhianna McGill" had fentanyl on them when they got to the prison. Authorities say 7 inmates showed signs of

overdose. First responders took them all to a local hospital. Both inmates face drug possession and contraband charges.

WDOD FM News    11/7/23        7:00am        1:00                    Hamilton County  
added a new tool to help with emergency response. Mayor Weston Wamp EMS and Chattanooga police celebrated the 17th ambulance to the county's fleet Friday. Medic 17 is based in the Enterprise South Area. EMS says they chose the location because it's centrally located in the county but they can move it anywhere they need. Leaders expect it to help with response time.

WDOD FM News    11/8/23        8:00am        1:00                    The Hamilton County  
Sheriff's Office arrested a Lookout Valley Middle-High student yesterday for allegedly threatening another student with a pellet gun. According to HCSO it's a replica of a Smith and Wesson MP 40. The pellet gun was confiscated. The sheriff's office did not provide any more information since the arrest involved a minor.

WDOD FM News    11/9/23        6:00am        1:00                    A 17 year old who  
plays high school football faces battery charges in Whitfield County. That's after authorities say he hit another boy I the face with a gun. Deputies with the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office arrested "in Combs" last week. An arrest report says combs hit the victim in the face with the gun after that victim and two others got mud on Comb's hoodie. The school suspended him for one football game according to a statement sent to us.

WDOD FM News    11/9/23        7:00am        1:00                    A mother of one of  
the mass shooting victims from the Covenant School in Nashville is speaking today in the Chattanooga area. Katy Dieckhaus whose daughter Evelyn was tragically killed March 27th is a member of "Voices for a Safer Tennessee". The non-partisan group formed after after the shooting lobbying for legislative action on gun safety in the state. Six people including 3 children were killed that day by a mass shooter. Dieckhaus is expected to speak at the "Church of the Good Shephard" on Lookout Mountain at one p.m.

WDOD FM News    11/10/23       6:00am        1:00                    Two people from  
Dalton are dead after a person accused of human trafficking smashed into their SUV. This happened in Texas according to a spokesperson with the Texas Department of Public Safety. That spokesman says a driver passed an 18 wheeler on the wrong side during a chase with police. That car then collided head on with the couple from Dalton who died after their SUV burst into flames. 5 other people including the suspected smuggler also died.

Issues Chattanooga 11/19/23 4:45am 15:00 Michelle Mason, executive director of the Better Business Bureau described some of the holiday scams that have started. She discussed the people they try to scam and the information they need to claim our identity.

WDOD FM News 11/20/23 8:00am 1:00 Chattanooga police are looking for a suspect this morning who robbed a store in Hamilton Place Mall yesterday. It happened at the Champion Store just before noon. Upon arrival an employee told police she was robbed by an unknown male suspect. She said the man approached the counter and demanded cash from the register. The employee complied with the suspects demands. The suspect then took the money and left the store.

WDOD FM News 11/20/23 6:00am 1:00 A Chattanooga man is behind bars this morning after deputies seized weapons and a large amount of drugs. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office says it happened at home on Bradt Street. Deputies say they found Brandon Ebherhardt trying to flush drugs down the toilet but arrested him before he could finish. 28 thousand dollars worth of narcotics were found which includes 240 grams of fentanyl.

WDOD FM News 11/21/23 7:00am 1:00 The last of the 4 inmates who escaped from a Georgia jail last month has been captured. According to the Bibb County Sheriff's office Joey "Fourn-Yay" was captured near stockbridge just before noon Sunday. Fourn-Yay will return to the Bibb County law enforcement center. He's accused of murdering his ex-girlfriend last year. "Fourn-Yay" along with 3 other inmates escaped through a damaged window in an interview room on October 16th.

WDOD FM News 11/22/23 8:00am 1:00 Chattanooga police say a person was killed in a shooting on Wilson Street. Officers tell us the victim died before they got there. CPD says it happened around 8:30 yesterday morning in the Avondale neighborhood. The department says they're investigating this as a homicide but they have not released information about a potential suspect.

WDOD FM News 11/23/23 6:00am 1:00 Police in East Ridge are investigating a shooting that turned deadly. Officers say they responded to reports of a person shot on Connell Street. Upon arrival they found a teen with a gunshot wound to the leg. He was then transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. An investigation remains underway.

WDOD FM News 12/1/23 7:00am 1:00 Chattanooga police say one man is dead after a stabbing in Chattanooga. CPD says it happened on Garfield Street last night. That man died after being transported to the hospital according to CPD. No arrests have been made.

WDOD FM News 12/1/23 6:00am 1:00 A Tennessee couple faces charges after police say they exposed a 1 year old child to drugs. Police arrested Regan Guffey and her boyfriend Justin Brumley in Nashville. Officers found them at an Air BNB. As arrest report says detectives found an array of drugs and guns inside their room all within reach of the child. Officers also found more than 400 dollars in cash.

WDOD FM News 12/5/23 8:00am 1:00 One man faces charges after a chase with the Hamilton County Sheriff's office. Deputies tried to pull "Lance Rogers" over in Hixson Sunday morning around 3 o'clock. This after those deputies noticed his license plate did not match his car. Rogers ran from deputies in his car and then on foot. He ran into a creek where deputies finally caught up with him. Rogers also dropped a gun from his car as he ran. A report says he was involved in a car theft several days ago.

WDOD FM News 12/5/23 7:00am 1:00 Chattanooga police say officers have arrested one man in connection with that stabbing last weekend on Garfield Street. The victim, Rosalio Gomez-Gutierrez died on Sunday. Police say they located the suspect in Michigan. He will now be extradited back to Hamilton County according to CPD.

WDOD FM News 12/7/23 6:00am 1:00 A man accused of causing a deadly pedestrian crash in Chattanooga received his bond yesterday one million dollars. Police say Randy Vega killed 2 people and hurt one other when he drove onto the sidewalk and hit a bus on Frazier Avenue. They also say he was intoxicated when it happened. If he pays that he'll remain on house arrest with an ankle monitor. Vega is set to appear in court again in January.

WDOD FM News 12/8/23 7:00am 1:00 This morning the Hamilton County Sheriff's office continues their search for a teenager they say is behind several school lockdowns. Officials also told us the male teen may have been armed. The search began yesterday morning in the Birchwood Pike area of Harrison. The sheriff's office says the boy could try to harm himself with the weapon as well. We were told the search put 4 schools on secure status on Wednesday.



WDOD FM News 12/8/23 8:00am 1:00 A controversial Chattanooga bar is heading back to the Chattanooga Beer Board this morning after months of complaints from residents in the area. They say noise coming from the bar lasts well into the early hours of the morning. Chattanooga police say they've received more than 20 complaints about the exile bar this year and they were cited twice in October.

WDOD FM News 12/11/23 6:00am 1:00 The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office says their search for a missing teen is over. They say the young man died before they could find him near Harrison Bay Road. Several schools were placed on secure status as deputies searched the area. The Hamilton County Medical Examiner's Office is now working to determine how the teen died. The sheriff's office has offered their condolences to his family.

WDOD FM News 12/12/23 7:00am 1:00 Chattanooga police have arrested a suspect believed to have shot a man on Market Street Friday night. CPD arrested 64 year Old Betty Blake for attempted first degree murder. She's accused of shooting a man in the back while he waited at a Market Street bus stop. CPD tells us she's also facing assault charges after they say she brandished a firearm inside of Partridge Medical Center.

WDOD FM News 12/13/23 6:00am 1:00 A former daycare worker in Bradley County faces charges after he allegedly kicked his son in the face. Deputies arrested Jeffrey Shook last Thursday. Shook's son told his teacher about the alleged attack according to a police report. Shook was an employee at Kiddie University. A spokesperson told us he no longer works there.

WDOD FM News 12/13/23 7:00am 1:00 Someone broke into almost 2 dozen cars parked outside Chattanooga's Volkswagen Plant yesterday morning. That's according to the Chattanooga Police Department. We reached out to the plant after several tips from viewers. A spokesperson for Volkswagen called the break in's a quote "isolated incident". Right now police have not made any arrests.

WDOD FM News 12/13/23 8:00am 1:00 A second security guard now faces civil charges after allegations he hurt a female student at Brainerd High School. The lawsuit names Josephus Reed, Joe-Von Jackson, Principal Crystal Sorrells and the Hamilton County Departments of Education as defendants. Lawyers for the student say she witnessed Reed fighting with Jermaine Fleetwood who also filed a suit. According to her lawyers Joe-Von Jackson grabbed the girl's backpack and violently jerked her backwards.

WDOD FM News 12/19/23 6:00am 1:00 A Grundy County woman faces charges after the TBI says she set a house on fire killing a dog inside. Investigators say one person was also inside the house at the time of the fire but made it out safely. A grand jury charged Melissa Barks with 3 counts including arson and cruelty to animals.

WDOD FM News 12/19/23 7:00am 1:00 A Chattanooga man was shot on Williams Street Saturday afternoon. First responders say they found a man with serious injuries. He was taken to the hospital. Chattanooga police say the victim was shot at a homeless camp.

WDOD FM News 12/20/23 8:00am 1:00 One man faces life in prison after a Bradley County criminal court sentenced him on multiple charges. Charles Franklin Garrett was convicted of first-degree murder for the killing of Exavier Rouse in 2021. That's according to Bradley County's District Attorney General Shari Tayloe. He was also convicted on 3 other charges including possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

WDOD FM News 12/21/23 6:00am 1:00 A jury in Bradley County convicted a man for his role in a deadly bar shooting two years ago. That jury found Charles Garrett guilty of first degree murder for the death of Xavier Rouse. Police said Garrett shot the victim at "Tee-Boe's" Tavern in Cleveland in March of 2021. That's after he got into a fight with a tavern employee. Garrett was sentenced to life in prison.

WDOD FM News 12/22/23 7:00am 1:00 The Chattanooga Police Department is searching for a suspect after they reportedly hit an officer with their car yesterday. Thankfully that officer was not seriously hurt. The department received a call about a disorder with a weapon on Wilder Street. Chief Celeste Murphy says a responding officer saw someone who appeared to be holding a weapon. That officer ordered that person to stop but the suspect jumped into a car. The person then struck the officer and hit a tree before driving off.

WDOD FM News 12/27/23 8:00am 1:00 A warehouse fire on Christmas Day kept firefighters busy in Cleveland. Crews responded to reports of a commercial fire. Upon arrival firefighters reported heavy smoke inside the facility. Nine other fire companies responded to the fire on Westland Drive. The fire was then located in the back of the warehouse and was quickly put out. No injuries were reported.

WDOD FM News 12/31/23 6:00am 1:00 A teen is in the Hamilton County Medical Center with severe burns this morning after authorities say he was

playing with fire. According to investigators it all happened Tuesday night when the boy was alone in his room. They say he poured alcohol in a soda can and lit it on fire. The teen's parents were home at the time and will not face any charges.

WDOD FM News    12/31/23    7:00am    1:00    We're working to learn more about what exactly prompted a heavy police presence in downtown Chattanooga late last night. The Chattanooga police department and swat response teams all surrounded a Motel 6 between Williams Street and West 25th Street. Police and SWAT teams gathered as they prepared to search one of the rooms. Crews were able to gain access to the room after a warrant was issued. When they got into the room no one was inside.

## TAX

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
WDOD FM News	10/10/23	6:00am	1:00	Georgia Governor Brain Kemp has signed an executive order extending the state's gas tax suspension until next month. The republican governor declared a state of emergency last month and suspended the state's tax on gas due to rising cost of inflation. The suspension was scheduled to end this week but it will now remain in effect until November 11th.
WDOD FM News	10/23/23	7:00am	1:00	Tennessee's Department of Treasury wants to reunite Hamilton County residents with money they may be missing. The department's unclaimed property division says they will have a booth set up at Chattanooga's Apple Festival on October 21st and 22nd. They say there's more than one-billion unclaimed dollars in Tennessee and around six million dollars in Hamilton and the surrounding counties.
WDOD FM News	10/24/23	8:00am	1:00	EPB is expected to ask Chattanooga to issue a bond this year to help expand and upgrade its power grid. That bond could be as much as 125 million dollars of tax exempt funds. EPB says last year they saw the highest number of added homes and businesses in the region which all needed power off of the grid. The city council is expected to take it up soon.
WDOD FM News	11/1/23	6:00am	1:00	Today is Tennessee's Grocery Sales Tax. The tax free holiday began in August. The economic policy institute said it could save families close to 54 dollars a month. The tax will resume at midnight tonight.
WDOD FM News	11/10/23	7:00am	1:00	Georgia Governor Brain Kemp has extended the state's gas tax suspension until after Thanksgiving. The republican governor declared a state of emergency last month because of rising inflation. The order was set to expire later this week but will now remain in effect until November 29th.
Issues Chattanooga	12/10/23	4:45am	15:00	We discussed the tax season coming up. Giving money to charities also provides a tax deduction but mostly helps others needs.

## TOURISM

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Issues Chattanooga	10/22/23	4:45am	15:00	Brian Smith from the City of Chattanooga Parks and Recreation Department talked about the free holiday events coming up to all tourist and Chattanooga citizens. They will be held all over the city and kid friendly.

WDOD FM News	10/25/23	6:00am	1:00	The Riverbend Festival is now under hiatus for the 2024 season. The multi-night festival recently celebrated 40 years in the scenic city. The officials from "Friends of the Festival" have other plans for the concert goers. This change includes an expansion of the River Nights Festival into 14 Saturdays of free concerts. Riverbend organizers say they are re-evaluating and restructuring in order to be successful in the future.
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WDOD FM News	11/7/23	7:00am	1:00	The Head of the Hooch Regatta was back in Chattanooga over weekend for its 42nd annual rowing competition. It is the second largest regatta in the country and strictly volunteer based. This years event had athletes from around 30 states with 22 hundred boats throughout the weekend. Head of the Hooch started in Roswell, Georgia back in 1981.
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WDOD FM News	11/23/23	8:00am	1:00	EPB is bringing back a decades old holiday tradition today as they prepare to unveil this year's holiday window displays. Tonight at 5 the public is invited to the event and they will also be announcing a new holiday tradition with the Better Business Bureau of Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia called the Festive Forest. The program will take place at EPB's main office on the Broad Street of the building.
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you can keep food on the table before it needs to be put in the refrigerator. She also talked about how long you can keep food in the freezer.

Issues Chattanooga 11/12/23 4:45am 15:00 Sharon Goforth from the Hamilton Health Department Food Safety joined us again about the temperature of the meat needs to be cooked at and to be aware of people's food allergies and gluten free recipes.

WDOD FM News 11/23/23 7:00am 1:00 Bradley County now expected to pay more for its medical staff at the county jail. This comes after a years long lawsuit over conditions inside. A judge approved the settlement after one plaintiff initially filed the suit back in 2018. It says an inmate did not receive adequate medical care at the jail. The settlement will require the county to pay more than two million dollars in damages. All defendants from BCBS have denied any wrong-doing.

A mental health counselor in Cleveland recently lost his license. That's after one of his female clients says he made sexual comments to her. The Tennessee Department of Health made the decision against Adolphus Pelley. They say he worked for "Heal and Hope Counseling Services". The company ended Pelley's employment. Along with losing his license the counselor must also pay a 2 thousand dollar fine.

WDOD FM News 11/30/23 8:00am 1:00 The Fall Creek Falls Utility District issued a boil notice for cooking and drinking water yesterday. Fall Creek Falls is based in Pikeville and serves customers in Bledsoe and Van Buren County. They say they're experiencing problems with intake pumps which has led to low pressure in the drinking water system. According to their notice loss of pressure can introduce disease causing organisms into the water system.

WDOD FM News 12/15/23 6:00am 1:00 The CDC says Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama are seeing high levels of flu right now. The latest data from the Tennessee Department of Health says more than 5% of doctor visits in the Chattanooga Hamilton County area currently involve the flu. The CDC reports more than 16 hundred people have died from the flu.

WDOD FM News 12/31/23 7:00am 1:00 Pharmacists and doctors say more patients in our area are seeking treatment for respiratory viruses. That includes the flu, RSV and Covid. The CDC says every state in our viewing area is experiencing high

rates of the flu right now. In fact the latest data from Georgia's Health Department says flu hospitalizations there jumped more than 100% in just 1 week.

## Environment

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
WDOD FM News	10/2/23	8:00am	1:00	Water has now been restored for people living in Copperhill. A boil water advisory is still in affect. A Facebook post from the city's 911 center says there was a line break and that led to outages for some people. For now the city is telling people who do have water to boil it before using it.
WDOD FM News	10/3/23	6:00am	1:00	Residents of the 17 Broad apartments on Broad Street are looking for a new place to live after they say a bad mold problem is affecting their health and wallets. We spoke with residents who say their everyday items are covered in mold. The City of Chattanooga says because of the number of complaints they cited the apartment complex to environmental court.
WDOD FM News	10/5/23	7:00am	1:00	Chattanooga's National Cemetery is getting a new location. A spokesman with the VA says those laid to rest at the current cemetery will remain in their final resting place. The new property is located in Birchwood about a 45 minute drive north from the current Chattanooga National Cemetery. Vital-Blythe Ferry holdings sold the property to the VA for just over 11 million dollars.
WDOD FM News	10/11/23	6:00am	1:00	Chattanooga has now seen its fifth chemical spill just within the past few months. The Chattanooga Fire Department says a truck hauling 42 thousand pounds of organic peroxide overturned near the Riverfront and leaked the chemicals. This led to hours of cleanup a place to stay for a part of the night. With Chattanooga being a large trucking job Chattanooga Fire Chief Phil Hyman encourages residents to always be prepared for a potential chemical spill and evacuation.
WDOD FM News	10/11/23	8:00am	1:00	Chattanooga's City Council approved a motion that allows the Chattanooga Fire Department to apply for a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant. The funds come from the US Department of Transportation. If approved the grant will provide two hand-held training systems used to simulate hazmat training. It would total 15 thousand dollars.
WDOD FM News	10/16/23	7:00am	1:00	A heads up for residents in Polk County. There's a planned power outage tonight starting at 11:30. That's according to volunteer energy co-op. They say the outage will last for about two and a half hours. The planned outage will affect all members from the Benton and Ocoee substations in Polk County.



WDOD FM News    10/24/23        6:00am        1:00                    Arson investigators with Bradley County Fire and Rescue are liking not a series of brush fires. According to BCFR dispatchers received a 911 call around 4am Sunday morning about a small brush fire on Dalton Pike. An additional ten locations along Dalton Pike also reported similar brush fires. BCFR asks anyone with any information to give them a call.

WDOD FM News    11/2/23        7:00am        1:00                    The burn ban in Chattanooga will continue until further notice. That's according to the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau. Current dry conditions and low humidity in our area make it too dangerous to burn at this time.

WDOD FM News    11/2/23        8:00am        1:00                    When we think of allergies many of us probably think of springtime. It it feels like you're sneezing and lowing your nose more than usual this time of year you're not alone. Allergists say climate change could be to blame for fall allergies lingering this year. One P-NAS study shows pollen season has grown longer b 20 days here in the US We won't see relief until those temperatures finally drop further into freezing.

WDOD FM News    11/3/23        6:00am        1:00                    Complaints about possible asbestos inside Hamilton County's Health Department surfaced as early as April according to a document from the state. That complaint details an employee's concerns about from the state. That complaint details an employee's concerns about exposure to asbestos after carpet was ripped up. This comes as the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration continues its investigation of the the building after a second complaint earlier this month.

WDOD FM News    11/3/23        7:00am        1:00                    This last September and October were the second driest on record for Chattanooga. We've since learned the lack of rain has impacted trout fighting in our area. The Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency said they will not go forward with their season trout restock until there is more rain. Forecasters still think November will be a drier than average month.

WDOD FM News    11/9/23        6:00am        1:00                    The soil under the site for the new Chattanooga Lookouts Stadium is under investigation for lead levels. This comes as the environmental protection agency has been testing the soil across Chattanooga. The stadium is set to be built on the old U.S. Pipe and Wheland Foundry Site. Perimeter Properties the owner of the foundry site says they're working closely with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to remove contaminants found at this site back in 2022.

WDOD FM News    11/9/23        8:00am        1:00                    A dog may have saved one Chattanooga family's life yesterday morning after he alerted them that their house was on fire. It happened on Jerome Avenue near Rossville Boulevard. The dog Jack woke his owner up by licking his face according to the Chattanooga Fire Department. Jack's owner then smelled the smoke and rushed the rest of the family outside to safety.

WDOD FM News    11/16/23        7:00am        1:00                    Every county in our viewing area is under a burn ban. That means there's a legal restriction on outdoor burning. The normal burn season runs from October 1st through April 30th. But drought conditions and poor air quality have led local governments to issue a ban. That includes no burning of leaves, brush, household waste and more.

WDOD FM News    11/16/23        8:00am        1:00                    The Chattanooga Department of Human Services Office was evacuated last night due to possible hazard. The Chattanooga Fire Department says they responded to a call for hazardous materials at the office on Brainerd Road. CFD says a woman passed out after taking envelopes out of a drop box. Hazmat crews examined the drop box but did not find anything.

WDOD FM News    11/29/23        6:00am        1:00                    Fires at a Chattanooga chemical plant led to evacuations and a hazmat response yesterday morning. CFD says several small fires erupted inside the ZECO building on South Creek Road. They say Totes carrying organic peroxide leaked. Problems with that chemical caused several hazmat responses in Chattanooga back in August and September. No one was hurt in this spill.

WDOD FM News    11/29/23        7:00am        1:00                    Help is now available for livestock owners who need it during this drought. Dade County emergency management is trying to get the word out on "emergency forage assistance". Today they're holding a conference in the Dade County administration building to help farmers and stock raisers learn how to get financial assistance from the US Department of Agriculture. The program starts at 10am and lasts until 4 this afternoon.

WDOD FM News    12/13/23        8:00am        1:00                    A potential development in the Hixson Pike area took a step forward yesterday. Developers originally wanted to add 700 homes to Green Pond Road near Hixson Pike. Last week residents said that decision could increase flooding in that area. A consulting group reduced the number of lots to 550 yesterday. Soddy Daisy residents and some county commissioners say the changes are still too dangerous.

WDOD FM News    12/15/23       6:00am       1:00       Someone shot a bald eagle near Watts Bar Lake according to wildlife Resources Agency says it happened near Blue Springs Marina area of Kingston. The eagle is now at the Memphis Zoo and doing well, according to officials. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will offer a 2 thousand 500 dollar reward to anyone with information. You can find more on both of those stories right now on our website news channel 9 dot com.

Issues Chattanooga    12/24/23       4:45am       15:00       Tish Gilmard from the Reflection Riding and Arboretum Center talked about the stresses our pets go through during the holiday season and how they handle a house full of people and food. She tells us ways we can help our pets to relax and have a space of their own.

## Minority Issues

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
WDOD FM News	10/10/23	8:00am	1:00	Chattanooga's pride Parade took over downtown Sunday morning celebrating the last day of Pride week. The event was held indoors this year at the Chattanooga Convention Center after videos went viral last year with outrage over the event being in the view of children. Governor Bill Lee signed a law back in March that prohibited impersonators on public property to be viewed by minor. A judge later ruled that law unconstitutional.
WDOD FM News	10/27/23	6:00am	1:00	The Georgia Supreme Court rejected a lower court's ruling that the state's abortion law was invalid on Tuesday. That means abortion access in the state remains unchanged for now. Georgia's supreme court allowed the ban to be put in place while it reviewed the lower court's decision. The law bans abortion once there is a "detectable human heartbeat" which can be as early as 6 weeks.
WDOD FM News	11/13/23	7:00am	1:00	The City of Chattanooga pauses its efforts to convert the 12th Street Carta building into an emergency homeless shelter. Mayor Tim Kelly and city leaders announced the decision yesterday. They say they want to continue conversations with members of the MLK Neighborhood and stakeholders. The next community conversation is expected for November 15th at the Bessie Smith Cultural Center.
WDOD FM News	11/14/23	8:00am	1:00	The Brainerd High School basketball team and local first responders went head-to-head Sunday for charity. It was a basketball game of tough competition and all for a good cause. Donations from the event will be used to create Thanksgiving meals, for families in need. The purpose of the game was not only to have fun but to give back to the community and show support for first responders.
Issues Chattanooga	11/26/23	4:45am	15:00	Joel Horton with the Salvation Army discussed their Read Kettle Campaign they have every holiday season. He told us how and where the money is used and the people they help.
WDOD FM News	11/29/23	6:00am	1:00	The Hamilton County Health Department and the City of Chattanooga are partnering together to offer mobile "WIC" services starting today. WIC is a program that provides nutrition education new motherhood support and health referrals to those who qualify. The mobile WIC service will be available inside the East Lake Community Center every Tuesday from 9:30am to 4pm.

## TRANSPORTATION

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Issues Chattanooga	10/1/23	4:45am	15:00	Chattanooga Fire Department shares some suggestions of how to keep the kids during halloween season. Kids don't think about cars and making sure they stay on the sidewalks during this night. Halloween can be very fun but also dangerous when we don't be aware of transporation around us.
WDOD FM News	10/6/23	6:00am	1:00	A plane crash landed at the Chattanooga Airport last night. According to the Chattanooga fire department a Fedex 757's landing gear had an issue causing the crash. They tell us flight crews noticed the problem as they prepared to land. The plane then circled allowing crews on the ground to get into position. The plane then crash landed skidding off the runway and finally stopping between the runway and Jubilee Dr. Thankfully all 3 on board are accounted for.
WDOD FM News	10/9/23	7:00am	1:00	The Chattanooga Airport says their primary runway is back open after a Fedex 757 made a hard landing due to a landing gear malfunction Wednesday night. All 3 onboard made it out safely. Crews worked for hours to clean up and remove the crash. The Federal Aviation Administration confirmed they are investigating.
WDOD FM News	10/9/23	8:00am	1:00	Some road work set for Monday means detours for drivers in Hamilton County. Snow Hill Road will be closed between Mahan Gap Road and Monger Road. The work is scheduled between 8am and 4pm on Monday. Crews have signs up showing the detour route for anyone heading to or from Highway 58 in that area.
WDOD FM News	10/26/23	6:00am	1:00	Parts of I-24 are back open this morning after an overturned semi-truck completely blocked the interstate for several hours. The Chattanooga police department says both lanes of I-24 Eastbound at Browns Ferry Road were blocked after that semi-truck rolled over. We're working to learn what caused the accident.
WDOD FM News	11/14/23	7:00am	1:00	Volkswagen Chattanooga made history this weekend as the company hosted the biggest active shooter exercise in the state. 27 local, state and federal agencies took part in the event which aimed to improve emergency response training. CFD says training like this helps save lives.

## Religious Issues

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Issues Chattanooga	10/8/23	4:45am	15:00	David Smith from Samaritan's Purse Foundation talked about the Christmas Boxes they sent out every year. Everybody can be apart of this charity by buying toys and needed objects for boys and girls of all ages. The organization sends them to underdeveloped countries all over the world.

WDOD FM News	10/16/23	6:00am	1:00	Some Tennessee Church members who went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem have safely returned home. Members of the Sunnyside Baptist Church group from Kingsport made one of the last flights out of Tel Aviv Tuesday. The group of 50 church members had been in Jerusalem less than 100 miles away from the terrorist attacks over the weekend. A large crowd of family and friends were waiting at the church to welcome them home Wednesday.
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WDOD FM News	12/28/23	7:00am	1:00	Kwanzaa began yesterday. It's a 7 day celebration founded in 1966 that honors African and African American culture. The name "Kwanzaa" comes from a Swahili phrase meaning "First Fruits". Each day of Kwanzaa a candle is lit to highlight one of the core principles of Kwanzaa. Those principles include unity, self-determination and purpose.
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