

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Station:

KWKH, KTUX, KVKI, KRUF, KXKS, KEEL

July 1st, through September 30th, 2021

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- **Louisiana's COVID-19 Reopening:** From local businesses, to festivals, to sports teams, and schools, the state of Louisiana continued their reopening after the COVID pandemic lockdowns. Multiple experts explained how the state's economic recovery, school openings, and the return of festivals to the state.
- **Issues with Shreveport's First Responder Departments:** The City of Shreveport is facing challenges with keeping their Fire Department operational, and finding a new Police Department. Multiple fire stations in the city had to be temporarily closed as the city's older fleet of trucks continued to break down. The Police Department has also found struggles in trying to replace their current headquarters, which is in disrepair.
- **Infrastructure:** The Federal Government will be investing in Louisiana's infrastructure, and Shreveport has a lot of projects that need the help. But it's not just roads and bridges. Schools, businesses, and even fire departments need help too.
- **COVID-19 Mandates:** From COVID vaccines to masks, the state and federal government have been introducing mandates due to COVID-19. The President of the United States announced his intention to create vaccine mandates, while Louisiana's Governor made masks mandatory for the whole state.
- **Shreveport Smoking Ban:** The City of Shreveport put in a comprehensive smoking ban, and during 2021 the local casinos asked for an exemption. The exemption request made its way in front of the Shreveport City Council, and sparked a massive debate.
- **Louisiana Legislative Session:** This year's Louisiana Legislative session addressed a lot of big topics for the state. Including emergency powers in response to pandemics and natural disasters, as well as the Governor's vetos. Some of those vetos led to the first ever Veto Session of the Louisiana Legislature, that was held after the conclusion of the full session.
- **Hurricane Ida:** The state was struck by another Hurricane. The landfall impacted Southern Louisiana, but the economics of the impact touch the whole state.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Date(s) Aired	Program Name	Description of Issue Discussed	Duration	Time
7/4/21	Viewpoints	<p>Infrastructure: US Senator Bill Cassidy talks about a federal infrastructure bill, and how many projects in Louisiana it would help.</p> <p>Shreveport Smoking Ban: Ashly Hebert with the American Heart Association on a proposed exemption to Shreveport’s smoking ban for casinos.</p>	30:00	<p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30pm</p>
7/11/21	Viewpoints	<p>Shreveport Crime Surge & Police Reform: Shreveport City Councilman Grayson Boucher talks about finding a new police station in Shreveport.</p> <p>Louisiana Legislative Session: Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon talks about the emergency powers that have been granted to his position through the Louisiana Legislature.</p>	30:00	<p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30pm</p>
7/18/21	Viewpoints	<p>Shreveport Smoking Ban: Shreveport City Councilwoman LeVette Fuller talks about the exemption for the Shreveport Smoking Ban proposed for local casinos. The item was “tabled” at the council meeting.</p> <p>Louisiana’s COVID-19 Reopening: Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser talks about getting funding</p>	30:00	<p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS</p>

		<p>from the state and federal government to help promote events in Louisiana</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Reopening: Louisiana School Superintendent Dr. Cade Brumley talks about COVID plans for upcoming school year.</p>		11:30pm
7/25/21	Viewpoints	<p>Issues with Shreveport's First Responder Departments: Shreveport Fire Department Chief Scott Wolverton talks about the poor state of the Fire Department. They currently do not have enough working vehicles, or fire stations, to serve the city.</p> <p>Infrastructure: US Senator Bill Cassidy defends his work on a federal infrastructure bill.</p>	30:00	KWKH 6am KTUX 6am KVKI 6am KRUF 6:30am KEEL 10am KXKS 11:30pm
8/1/21	Viewpoints	<p>Issues with Shreveport's First Responder Departments: Shreveport City Councilman Grayson Boucher updates the status of a new Shreveport Police Department.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Reopening: Red River United Teachers Union President Jackie Landsdale pushes back against Caddo Parish Schools' policy for teacher vaccinations.</p>	30:00	KWKH 6am KTUX 6am KVKI 6am KRUF 6:30am KEEL 10am KXKS 11:30pm

8/8/21	Viewpoints	<p>Issues with Shreveport's First Responder Departments: Shreveport Fire Department Chief Scott Wolverton updates everyone about the poor state of the Fire Department. There are 3 new fire trucks, but the Chief says its still not enough.</p> <p>COVID-19 Mandates: Caddo Parish Commissioner Roy Burrell talks about his proposed vaccine mandate for Parish workers.</p> <p>Infrastructure: Christine Fark, a member of the Caddo Parish School Board, talks about repurposing an old schools building.</p>	30:00	<p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30p</p>
8/15/21	Viewpoints	<p>Infrastructure: US Senator Bill Cassidy continues to defend his work on a bipartisan federal infrastructure bill.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Reopening: Former Chairman of Louisiana's Gaming Control Board, Ronnie Jones explains the delays in fantasy sports and sports gaming in Louisiana.</p>	30:00	<p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30pm</p>
8/22/21	Viewpoints	<p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Reopening: BESE Representative Mike Melerine talks about the contentious meeting over the state's mask mandates for schools.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Reopening: Dr. Lamar Goree, Caddo Parish Schools Superintendent talks about the mask mandates and COVID policies for this school year.</p>	30:00	<p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30pm</p>

8/29/21	Viewpoints	<p>Issues with Shreveport's First Responder Departments: Keith Hanson, Shreveport's Chief Technology Officer talks about the "Real Time Crime Center" plan for Shreveport. It's a crime center that will be monitoring cameras across the city to watch for crime.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Reopening: Academy Award Winner Bill Joyce talks about his latest film project that will debut in Shreveport, and will help with some local non-profits.</p>	30:00	<p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30pm</p>
9/5/21	Viewpoints	<p>Issues with Shreveport's First Responder Departments: Shreveport Fire Department Chief Scott Wolverton updates everyone about the poor state of the Fire Department. The city will be borrowing vehicles from Bossier City to be able to operate in Shreveport.</p> <p>COVID-19 Mandates: Dr. John Vanchiere from the LSU Health Shreveport Medical School talks about President Joe Biden's proposed COVID vaccine mandates.</p>	30:00	<p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30pm</p>
9/12/21		<p>Hurricane Ida: US Senator John Kennedy talks about the devastation left in Louisiana from Hurricane Ida. Including damages to the area where is home is.</p> <p>COVID-19 Mandates: Dr. John Vanchiere from the LSU Health Shreveport Medical School talks about changes to the Shreveport area's vaccination and testing centers, including a week-long pause to the programs.</p>	30:00	<p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30pm</p>

9/19/21		<p>Infrastructure: Shreveport City Councilman John Nickelson talks about a proposed recycling contract for Shreveport. The company the city is potentially going to give a contract to, does not have the ability to pick up recycling in the city.</p> <p>COVID-19 Mandates: Louisiana Attorney General talks about President Joe Biden's proposed COVID vaccine mandates.</p>	30:00	<p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30pm</p>
9/26/21	Viewpoints	<p>Issues with Shreveport's First Responder Departments: Bishop Larry Brandon talks about the drastic increase in violent crimes amongst teenagers in Shreveport. The city has had multiple teens killed in shootings, and multiple teens arrested for shootings.</p> <p>Hurricane Ida: Louisiana Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell talks about an interruption to a Public Service Commission meeting, and the business the commission is working on when it comes to the response to Hurricane Ida.</p>	30:00	<p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30pm</p>