

Quarterly Issues Programs List

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Stations: KFIL(AM), KFIL-FM, KFNL-FM, KDOC-FM

October 1st, 2021 through December 31st, 2021

SECTION I. Issues

A) COVID-19 – Minnesota Public Health Officials continued to educate the public on the importance and safety of the COVID-19 vaccine. According to the Minnesota Department of Public Health, hospitalizations are higher than they've been at any point during the pandemic.

B) Drug & Alcohol Abuse – Drug overdose deaths continue to spike in Minnesota, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

C) Traffic Safety – 465 people were killed in traffic crashes in 2021 (Jan-Nov), compared with 365 in all of 2020. An official with the Office of Traffic Safety in Minnesota describes what's happening on Minnesota roads as a "traffic fatality crisis."

D) Mental Health – According to a recent study conducted by BlueCross BlueShield, Minnesota is ranked as the 4th most-depressed state in the nation. The Minnesota Department of Health says the number of suicides in Minnesota has steadily increased over the last 20 years.

E) Food Insecurity – Second Harvest Food Bank says there has been a 50% increase in people accessing food assistance from food banks across the state. They say a record number of Minnesotans are also requesting food stamp benefits. 1 in 10 Minnesotans are dealing with hunger issues – Minority communities in Minnesota face twice the rate of hunger.

SECTION II – RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

MINNESOTA MATTERS, hosted by Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim is a weekly locally produced public affairs program that discusses matters of importance to Minnesotans. Minnesota Matters runs every Sunday morning on KOLM from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

October 3rd, 2021 - Issues Discussed: COVID-19, Elder Community, Drug & Alcohol Abuse

The hosts discuss a new public safety warning issued by the DEA about spiked black-market opioids which have led to a record number of overdose deaths. Jeremiah Gardener from the Hazelden Betty Ford Addiction Center joins the show to discuss the dangerous of fentanyl.

Dr. Mark Steffen from Blue Cross Blue Shield talks about how COVID has impacted the lifestyles of seniors across the state and how they are reluctant to return to normal activities because of COVID concerns. He also discusses the importance of getting the COVID vaccine.

October 10th, 2021 - Issues Discussed: COVID-19, Mental Health, Financial Assistance

The hosts provide an update from the State Capitol and discuss the delay in getting financial aid to frontline workers.

Jessica Wong from Hazelden Betty Ford Addiction Center joined the program to discuss social media's impact on mental health. She discusses recent studies that show a link between social media and increased rates of anxiety and depression.

October 17th, 2021 - Issues Discussed: Gun Violence, Public Safety

The hosts discuss the political ramifications of the mass shooting in St. Paul. They are joined by Senator Sandy Pappas for a talk about gun violence.

October 24th, 2021 - Issues Discussed: Traffic Safety & Mental Health

The hosts discuss the "traffic fatality crisis" happening in Minnesota since the start of the pandemic. Minnesota Public Safety officials call the crisis unprecedented. The hosts air highlights from a public safety press conference. The Office of Traffic Safety's Mike Hansen discusses ways the state and law enforcement are trying to educate the public and crackdown on speeding which is out of control on Minnesota highways.

October is Bullying Prevention month. PACERS is a non-profit in Minneapolis that works with teens to prevent bullying. Julie Hertzog from the organization joined the hosts to discuss the negative impact physically, emotionally, and mentally that bullying causes.

October 31st, 2021 - Issues Discussed: COVID-19 , Healthcare Profession

The hosts are joined by the head of the Minnesota Nurses Association, Mary Turner, to discuss the latest updates on the COVID pandemic. Turner discusses how tired healthcare workers are and the urges Minnesotans to do whatever they can to help end the pandemic.

November 7th, 2021 - Issues Discussed: Food Insecurity

The host discuss how Minnesota food shelves are gearing up for the holidays. Allison O'Toole from Second Harvest explains how the Minnesota hunger relief network is working hard to keep everyone fed. She explains how Minnesotan's can help the most by making a financial donation to their local foodbank.

November 14th, 2021 - Issues Discussed: COVID-19

The hosts discuss the surge in COVID cases. Minnesota Department of Health's Jan Malcom discusses the wave of Delta cases, the impact on healthcare workers, and the tools and information that people can access to minimize the impact of the virus. Malcom explains the dangers of misinformation.

November 21th, 2021 - Issues Discussed: Food Insecurity

Chuck Johnson, Deputy Commissioner for Department of Human Services, joins the program to explain MN Benefits which is a new online tool that allows anyone to apply for 9 different assistance programs like food assistance.

November 28th, 2021 - Issues Discussed: Food Insecurity & Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Salvation Army representatives join the program to talk about a significant spike in requests for help with food, winter clothing, and rent money. Information is shared for people who might need help. And the hosts explain how Minnesotans can help by simply donating at the red kettles.

The hosts are also joined by from Melissa Fours from Hazelden Betty Ford Addiction Center to talk about how the added stress of the holidays impacts people that are going through recovery. She offers tips and tricks on how to support our loved ones that are battling addiction during this time.

December 5th - Issues Discussed: Politics

The hosts discuss President Biden's visit to Minnesota.

December 12th - Issues Discussed: Crime, Economy

This week: The hosts provide an update on the Kim Potter trial and discuss a hiring push by the Department of Corrections.

December 19th, 2021 - Issues Discussed: Food Insecurity

Dan Fury with the Salvation Army of Minnesota says the COVID pandemic is still impacting the number of people willing to volunteer. He encourages people to register to ring and explains how it is safe and fun. Fury provided an update on red kettle donations which are pacing behind this year. Fury explains that demand for food assistance is still very high. He said the money donated at the kettles will be used year-round to feed, clothe and provide shelter for Minnesotans.

December 26th, 2021 - Issues Discussed: COVID-19 & Traffic Safety

This week: The hosts provide an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier this year, The Minnesota Legislature set aside \$250 million in federal money to cut bonus checks for frontline workers. Lawmakers can't agree on which Minnesotans should receive this money.

Meredith Mitts from Triple a Minnesota joins the program to share safe winter driving tips.

MINNESOTA MILITARY RADIO

In addition to the programs listed above, the stations also air a weekly Veteran's Affairs program on Sundays. The program airs for one hour on KFIL(AM) and KFIL-FM beginning at 6:30 a.m. and for one hour on KFNL-FM and KDOC-FM beginning at 7:30 a.m. See attached program log.



MINNESOTA MILITARY RADIO

PROGRAM LOG – 4th QUARTER 2021

Airing Each Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. on KFIL-AM and KFIL-FM and
from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on KFNL and KDOC-FM.

With nearly 370,000 veterans and tens of thousands of guard and reserve troops, Minnesota is a state committed to supporting our friends and neighbors who serve in the military.

10/3/21

This week we meet with the Director of the Army National Guard, learn about a Minnesota Veteran's book about his deployment in Vietnam, and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard.

Guests include:

- Lt. Gen. Jon Jensen – Director of the Army National Guard
- Keith Rennerfeldt – Vietnam Veteran and “Doing My Duty” Author
- Doug Bley – Minnesota Patriot Guard

10/10/21

This week we discuss Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a Clinical Social Worker from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, learn about Beyond the Yellow Ribbon's Company Conference and get an update from our Senior Enlisted Advisor.

Guests include:

- Lisa Kielty – Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- Dave Boden – Hiway Credit Union
- Wayne Peterson – Minnesota Wild
- Annette Kuyper – Minnesota Department of Military Affairs
- CSM Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

10/17/21

This week we discuss the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 194th Armor deployment to the middle east and Afghanistan mission, learn about treating PTSD from the Veteran Resilience Project and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

Guests include:

- Lt. Col. Jake Helgestad – Commander at 1st Battalion 194th Armor Regiment
- Jim Finley – Veterans Resilience Project
- Erik Wickiser – Veterans Resilience Project
- Marty Howes – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

10/24/21

This week we discuss Veteran Education and Benefits with a Veteran and Senior Vice President from Minnesota State University Moorhead, learn how the We Defy Foundation is helping disabled Veterans overcome challenges and get an update from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System.

Guests include:

- Dr. Arrick Jackson – Minnesota State University Moorhead
- TJ Kreutzer – We Defy Foundation
- Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

10/31/21

This week we learn about the Armed Forces Service Center at MSP Airport, meet with a Transgender Officer from the United States Space Force and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard.

Guests include:

- Rick Dale – Armed Forces Service Center
- Linda Meyer – Armed Forces Service Center
- Lt. Col. Bree Fram – United States Space Force
- Tim Leonhardt – Minnesota Patriot Guard

11/7/21

This week we discuss the Patient Experience and Volunteers at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, get an update from the General John W. Vessey Jr. Chapter, AUSA and meet with our Senior Enlisted Leader.

Guests include:

- Mandy Smoot – Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- Rachel Hammer – Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- Jocelyn Cookson – General John W. Vessey Jr. Chapter, AUSA
- CM Sgt Lisa Erikson – The 148th Fighter Wing, Minnesota Air National Guard

11/14/21

This week we learn about Task Force Holloman with leadership from the Minnesota Air National Guard, discuss Veterans Day with the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

Guests include:

- Brig. Gen. Dan Gabrielli – Minnesota Air National Guard
- Matt McKeon – Department of Homeland Security
- Commissioner Larry Herke – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs
- Marty Howes – Minnesota Association of Veteran County Service Officers

11/21/21

This week we meet with the Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota, have a special interview with host Thomas Lyons at our 600th show milestone and get an update from the director of the Minneapolis VA Health Care System.

Guests include:

- Douglas Wortham – Minnesota Military Radio
- Jason Burley – Minnesota Military Radio
- Ron Haugen – Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota
- Thomas Lyons – Minnesota Military Radio
- Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

11/28/21

This week we meet with the Commander of the American Legion Department of Minnesota, learn about a Command Chief change at the Minnesota Air National Guard and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard.

Guests include:

- Commander Tom Fernlund – American Legion, Department of Minnesota
- Chief Master Sgt. Lisa Erikson – Minnesota Air National Guard
- Command Chief Master Sgt. Mark S. Rukavina – Minnesota Air National Guard
- Doug Bley – Minnesota Patriot Guard

12/5/21

This week we learn about Motion Analysis at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, meet with the Chairman of the Minnesota Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and get an update from our Senior Enlisted Leader.

Guests include:

- Dr. John Looft – Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- Tom Simonet – Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
- Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

12/12/21

This week we discuss the Substance Abuse Program with the Minnesota National Guard and meet with the new President of the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

Guests include:

- Heather Asleson – Minnesota National Guard
- Chris Popelka – Minnesota National Guard
- Marty Howes – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

12/19/21

This week we host our Annual Commanders Task Force Holiday Show. The CTF consists of American Legion Department of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Minnesota, Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota, Minnesota Paralyzed Veterans of America, Marine Corps League – Department of Minnesota, JWVMN, AMVETS Department of Minnesota and Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Minnesota. We also get an update from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System.

Guests include:

- Ron Haugen – Disabled American Veterans
- Tom Fernlund – American Legion
- John Flores – AMVETS
- Todd Kemery – Paralyzed Veterans of America
- Brad Doboszanski – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

12/26/21

This week we host our annual Chaplains Christmas Show with the Minnesota National Guard Chaplaincy to discuss Invisible Wounds, meet with a Retired Four-Star General and talk about life after the war in Afghanistan and it's impact on Veterans. We also get an update from the MN Patriot Guard.

Guests include:

Chaplin Buddy Winn – Minnesota National Guard

Gen.(ret) Joseph Votel – United States Army/USCENTCOM

Tim Leonhardt – Minnesota Patriot Guard