

## QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

Here follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station KHIL & KWCX, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period **Jan, Feb & March 2015**. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Description of Issue	Date & Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Raising Awareness About Alcohol Addiction</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Webby</p>	<p><b>Tempe, Ariz.</b> – Alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States. Since 1987, the <a href="#">National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Inc</a> (NCADD) has designated April as <a href="#">Alcohol Awareness Month</a>. The purpose is to increase public awareness and understanding of alcohol and alcohol related issues.</p> <p>This year's theme is “For the Health of It: Early Education on Alcoholism and Addiction.” The goal is to educate the public about the dangers of alcohol and the availability of treatment options, helping those who have a problem to get the care they need. It's estimated there are 20 million people across the country now living in recovery.</p> <p>NCADD statistics show 100,000 people die each year from alcohol related causes. It is estimated that problems from alcohol cost the United States about \$224 billion from things such as lost productivity, absenteeism, crime and family problems. That amounts to \$746 per person.</p> <p>“Alcohol problems affect everyone, not just the person who is drinking,” said Cenpatico of Arizona CEO Terry Stevens. “Alcohol dependence can break families apart, cause serious financial problems and in some cases can result in death. The good news is help is available to put people on the road to recovery.”</p> <p>As part of this year's event, April 3-5 is designated as an Alcohol-Free Weekend. For 72 hours, Americans are urged to participate in three alcohol-free days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">###</p> <p>Cenpatico of Arizona is the Regional Behavioral Health Authority for Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Pinal, Santa Cruz and Yuma counties. Cenpatico Behavioral Health of Arizona (Cenpatico) services are funded through a contract with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.cenpaticoaz.com">www.cenpaticoaz.com</a></p>
<p><b>Worse-Case Scenario: New Study Dissects Why Teens Crash</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Webby</p>	<p><i>Eye-opening research proves distractions are even more to blame</i></p> <p><b>Phoenix, March 25, 2015.</b> Distracted driving among teen drivers is a much more serious problem than previously known, according to a new study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.</p> <p>In this groundbreaking study, researchers analyzed the six seconds leading up to a crash from nearly 1,700 crash videos of teen drivers. They found that distraction was a factor in nearly 6 out of 10 moderate-to-severe teen crashes, which is four times as many as official estimates based on police reports.</p> <p>“Unprecedented access to crash videos has allowed us to better understand the moments leading up to a crash in a way that was previously impossible,” said Linda Gorman, director of communications and public affairs for AAA Arizona. “This analysis provides irrefutable evidence that teen drivers are distracted in much greater numbers than we previously realized.”</p> <p>According to the study, the most common forms of distraction leading up to a crash by a teen driver are:</p>

- **Interacting with one or more passengers:** 15 percent of crashes
- **Cell phone use:** 12 percent of crashes
- **Looking at something in the vehicle:** 10 percent of crashes
- **Looking at something outside the vehicle:** 9 percent of crashes
- **Singing/moving to music:** 8 percent of crashes
- **Grooming:** 6 percent of crashes
- **Reaching for an object:** 6 percent of crashes

“While Graduated Driver Licensing laws have reduced teen crash rates in the state and nation, this study shows how important it is for Arizona to review its GDL law to ensure it provides adequate protection for teen drivers,” Gorman said. “As a safety advocate, AAA recommends Arizona’s GDL law be expanded to include a wireless device ban.”

For the fourth year, Arizona legislators failed to act on a bill that would strengthen the GDL law. HB 2343 would have prohibited teens from using wireless communication devices, such as a cell phone, while operating a vehicle during the permit and first six months of the GDL phases, except for in emergency situations.

Researchers found that drivers manipulating their cell phones had their eyes off the road for an average of 4.1 out of the final six seconds leading up to a crash. In rear-end crashes, researchers determined that teens using cell phones failed to react more than half the time before the impact, meaning they crashed without braking or steering.

Teens already have the highest crash rates of any age group in the United States, with about 963,000 drivers ages 16 to 19 being involved in police-reported crashes in 2013. These crashes resulted in 383,000 injuries and 2,865 deaths. In Arizona, 80 drivers ages 16 to 19 were involved in a fatal crash, and 5,641 were involved in injury crashes in 2013.

Parents play a critical role in preventing distracted driving. AAA recommends that parents teach teens about the dangers of cell phone use and restrict passengers during the learning-to-drive process. Before parents begin practice driving with teens, they should create a [parent-teen driving agreement](#) that includes strict ground rules related to distraction. For more information, visit [TeenDriving.AAA.com](#).

The full research report and b-roll video of teen driver crashes is available on the Foundation’s [website](#). The Foundation partnered with researchers at the University of Iowa to conduct this study.

Established by AAA in 1947, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, publicly-supported charitable educational and research organization. Dedicated to saving lives and reducing injuries on our roads, the Foundation’s mission is to prevent crashes and save lives through research and education about traffic safety. The Foundation has funded over 200 research projects designed to discover the causes of traffic crashes, prevent them and minimize injuries when they do occur. Visit [www.AAAFoundation.org](#) for more information on this and other research.

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<p><b>Clifton Ranger District begins prescribed burn on Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests</b></p>	<p>March April</p>	<p>Webby</p>	<p><b>Clifton, AZ, March 25, 2015</b> – Clifton Ranger District fire managers are preparing to commence prescribed burning as conditions provide opportunities for applying fire to the landscape located on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.</p> <p>The Clifton Ranger District plans to begin the Sunset Re-Entry prescribed burn on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The project will take two to three weeks to complete, depending on weather conditions. The 5,500 acre burn area is bounded to the north and west and south by the FR 215, to the east by Red Tank Canyon.</p> <p>Fuels types include grass, juniper, oak, pinyon pine, and ponderosa pine. The burn is intended to reduce canopy cover and maintain areas of reduced canopy cover achieved in past prescribed burns. These treatments help reduce wildfire behavior, creating a safer situation for the community and our firefighters.</p> <p>These planned burns are part of an ongoing program to improve forest health and reduce hazardous fuels. The forest depends on fire to reduce accumulated vegetation, enhance wildlife habitat, and recycle valuable nutrients into the soil to promote healthy plants and grasses.</p> <p>“The Clifton Ranger District continues burning yearly to mitigate the potential impacts to the area,” according to Justin Thompson, Fire Management Officer for the Clifton Ranger District.</p> <p>To accomplish these forest health goals, forest managers use two types of prescribed burns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Broadcast burns</b> involve applying fire across the forest floor. Flames make their way along the surface consuming logs, branches, and accumulated leaves and needles while recycling nutrients back into the soil. Broadcast burns typically produce the most noticeable smoke.</li> <li>• <b>Pile burns</b> require more moisture in the surrounding vegetation and are usually conducted when snow is on the ground or after considerable rain. Piles consist of the slash from forest thinning projects, which include small logs and branches. Pile burning usually produces less smoke than broadcast burns.</li> </ul> <p>Prescribed burns are termed such because they are conducted within a “prescription” that defines the fuel moisture levels, air temperatures, wind conditions, and relative humidity levels that are appropriate. Planned burns are conducted in a way that keeps the number of days you are impacted with smoke as minimal as possible. All prescribed fire activity is dependent on personnel availability, weather and ventilation conditions, and approval from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).</p> <p>To be added to a smoke notification call list, contact your local ranger station. For additional information about prescribed fire, including answers to frequently asked questions, visit the website at: <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/got/asnf/prescribedfire">http://www.fs.usda.gov/got/asnf/prescribedfire</a>. For more information on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests and its district offices, visit <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf">http://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf</a>.</p>
<p><b>ADOT reopens roads in White Mountains for summer season</b></p>	<p>March</p>	<p>Webby</p>	<p>The Arizona Department of Transportation will reopen two highways in the White Mountains, which are closed each year for the winter season, beginning Wednesday, April 1.</p> <p>The following highways will reopen on April 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Route 261 between Eagar and Big Lake</li> <li>• State Route 273 between Sunrise Park and Big Lake</li> </ul> <p>State Route 473 between State Route 260 and Hawley Lake, which is generally closed also during the winter, will remain closed until White Mountain Apache Tribe repairs are completed on the Hawley Lake Dam.</p>

			<p>There is currently no estimated time when SR 473 or Hawley Lake will be reopened.</p> <p>ADOT encourages Arizonans to enjoy the mountains this summer and return home safely by observing the following tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure you and your passengers are buckled in</li> <li>• Check your vehicle's condition before you travel; proper tire pressure is important</li> <li>• Be patient (don't speed and don't follow other vehicles too closely)</li> <li>• Get an adequate amount of sleep before your trip</li> <li>• Bring extra water and food</li> <li>• Build some extra travel time into your schedule</li> <li>• Never drink and drive</li> <li>• Before you leave, check for information about highway restrictions across Arizona at ADOT's Traveler Information website, <a href="http://az511.gov">az511.gov</a>, or dial 5-1-1</li> </ul>
<p><b>State Route 347/Union Pacific Railroad Final Environmental Assessment approved</b></p>	<p>March</p>	<p>Webby</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Construction slated to begin on overpass in fiscal year 2020 in Maricopa</i></p> <p>PHOENIX — The Arizona Department of Transportation, in partnership with the city of Maricopa, the Union Pacific Railroad and the Federal Highway Administration, has received federal approval for the proposed bridge project on State Route 347 over the railroad crossing, clearing the way for the project to move forward when funding is available.</p> <p>On March 18, the Federal Highway Administration issued a Finding of No Significant Impact after reviewing the Final Environmental Assessment, the definitive decision-making document federally required for the project.</p> <p>This grants the final approval necessary for ADOT to begin the process of acquiring right of way, completing the design and beginning construction when funding is available.</p> <p>The environmental review process, which includes preparing the draft and final environmental assessments, was conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.</p> <p>The estimated \$55 million project is intended to alleviate traffic backups at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing in Pinal County by replacing the existing at-grade intersection with an overpass on SR 347, which is the only direct route between the city of Maricopa and metro Phoenix, so vehicle and train traffic do not impede one another.</p> <p>More than 40 trains run daily through the middle of Maricopa, which has been one of the fastest-growing communities in the nation. Future plans call for more than 100 trains to pass through Maricopa daily.</p> <p>In June 2014, the project was added to ADOT's Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program, including \$18.8 million for design and right-of-way acquisition and \$36.2 million for construction in fiscal year 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY 2015: \$5.5 million allocated for design and \$500,000 allocated for right of way</li> <li>• FY 2016: \$5.5 million allocated for right of way</li> <li>• FY 2017: \$7.3 million allocated for right of way</li> <li>• FY 2020: \$36.2 million for construction</li> </ul> <p>For more information on the SR 347 project, including a computer-generated video of the proposed grade separation, please visit the project webpage: <a href="http://azdot.gov/sr347">azdot.gov/sr347</a>.</p>

<p><b>Eastbound I-10 in Benson to close early Sunday for oversized truck move</b></p>	<p>March</p>	<p>Webby</p>	<p>An oversized truck traveling through Arizona will require a brief closure of eastbound Interstate 10 in Benson early Sunday, March 29.</p> <p>The 185-foot-long truck will travel from New Mexico using State Route 80, US 191 and Davis Road before approaching I-10 in Benson, where it will enter the eastbound I-10 off-ramp at SR 80 to travel west in the eastbound lanes. The truck will exit I-10 at the State Route 90 traffic interchange, where it will use the eastbound on-ramp before continuing on SR 90.</p> <p>The segment of eastbound I-10 between State Route 90 (Exit 302) and State Route 80 (Exit 303) will be closed for up to 30 minutes between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday to accommodate the vehicle. State Route 90 traffic bound for eastbound I-10 also will be delayed during the move.</p> <p>The Arizona Department of Public Safety will escort the truck through the state, including the westbound movement on eastbound I-10. Motorists are advised to adjust their travel schedules to avoid delays on eastbound I-10 in Benson if possible.</p> <p>ADOT works to inform the public about planned highway restrictions, but there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Weather can also affect a project schedule. To stay up-to-date with the latest highway conditions around the state, visit the ADOT Traveler Information Center at <a href="http://www.az511.gov">www.az511.gov</a> or call 511.</p>