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The information included herewith pertains to WTKR's commitment to address the issues identified by this station's viewing audience. Those issues addressed include, but are not limited to:

**Crime/Drugs**  
**Education**  
**Health**  
**Politics**  
**Race**  
**Transportation**

This will further certify that the above information is based on my review of WTKR's program logs and other material supplied by the staff.

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**The following summarizes a representative sample of programming that provided the most significant treatment of community issues during the past quarter. Programming frequently deals with more than one issue.**

**CRIME:**

**News 3 at 6:00 pm, July 5, 2023, Length :30** Police are searching for a suspect in deadly shooting on Hampton Avenue. Police have charged Shauntee Slade with second degree murder and using a firearm in a felony. Officers responded last night after nine pm. They found one man with a gunshot wound who died at the scene.

**News 3 at 6:00 pm, July 5, 2023, Length :45** A Virginia Beach restaurant owner faces a Judge after she is accused of selling alcohol without an ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) License. Shani Yourman has been in jail since she was arrested Friday, and today, a judge ruled she could be released on bond. She is charged with five misdemeanors related to illegally selling alcohol.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm, July 6, 2023, Length :25** A teen has been sent to the hospital after being shot. Norfolk police say the shooting happen around Bagnell Road around seven-thirty last night. They say a 17-year-old boy who had been shot multiple times and was taken to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. We are told multiple people were involved in the shooting and police recovered guns at the scene.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm, July 6, 2023, Length :40** A four-year-old has been hit by a stray bullet in Virginia Beach. Police say they responded to reports of gunshots on dandy court where they found a home with multiple bullet holes, but nobody inside was hit. Moments later, they got a call to Babney court for a report that a 4-year-old was shot. Detectives believe the child was hit by a bullet that had traveled through the home on dandy court. The child was taken to the hospital and is expected to live.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm, August 3, 2023, Length :35** A judge sentenced a man for the 20-16 murder of a high school student. Jacquan Wilson received 56 years for first degree murder, use of a firearm in commission of a felony, and robbery. After seven years and two trials -- a jury convicted Wilson in March of the murder of Bryant Cueto in an Applebee's parking lot. Cueto was a senior at Grassfield High School when he was killed - in what investigators say was a drug deal that turned deadly.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm, August 4, 2023, Length :35** A teen accused of shooting at a Virginia Beach police officer will stay in custody. He appeared in court following the shooting Wednesday in the level green area. on Wednesday-- officials say an officer was in an unmarked vehicle on craftsman drive conducting surveillance following a recent auto theft. The officer said several suspects shot at him, and the officer shot back and left the area. We are told no one was hurt in the incident. Two teens are facing charges in this case, and today one of them was denied bond.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm, August 4, 2023, Length :25** Hampton police are investigating a deadly shooting. Officers responded to Bayhaven Drive just before midnight last night. They say they found Solomon Roane shot on scene. The 24-year-old from chesterfield died from his injuries.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm, August 7, 2023, Length :40** The man accused of killing gun violence prevention activist Bilal Muhammad's son faced a judge. Ali Muhammad was shot and killed back in June, and Friday an arrest was finally made in connection to his death. Jalen Garces, who is 28 years old, is charged with second degree murder and use of a firearm in the shooting death of Bilal's son, Ali. Garces' attorney said they were not yet ready to set a bond hearing.

**News 3 at 6:00 am, September 8, 2023, Length :30** Police in Chesapeake need help finding who shot two people in a Wendy's drive thru. It happened around eleven-thirty yesterday morning at Wendy's on Western Branch Boulevard. Police tell us a black s-u-v pulled up and stopped beside a car waiting at the drive thru, and officers say then several people from the s-u-v shot into the customer's car - striking the man and woman inside. They were taken to the hospital and there is still no word on how they are doing this morning.

**News 3 at 6:00 am, September 13, 2023, Length :25** We are working to learn more about a young girl in custody for shots fired in the Pungo section of Virginia Beach. Police say an officer came up on a domestic incident involving a juvenile girl and her father. Police say she was seen shooting a gun and was taken into custody shortly after. Her father was hurt during the incident, but it is unclear if he was shot.

**News 3 at 6:00 am, September 13, 2023, Length :30** A Norfolk State University student was killed in a Labor Day shooting, and we are now hearing from his family for the first time. 20-year-old Jahari George was shot and killed in an incident on gate house road-- just outside of campus. George's parents, Teanna and Michael George, describe him as a quote - "beacon of light and hope".

**News 3 at 4:00 pm, September 20, 2023, Length :40** a former lieutenant for the Newport News Fire Department was sentenced for receiving child pornography. According to the Justice Department, court records say 43-year-old Christopher Jones used the internet to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity. During the investigation, the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) interviewed several minors, with three saying they had contact with Jones. One said they engaged with Jones over nine months. The Justice Department says Jones traveled in July 2022 to meet someone undercover posing as a 12-year-old. Jones was sentenced to 33 years in prison.

## **EDUCATION:**

**News 3 at 5:30 am, July 4, 2023, Length :25** Many of you watching us are counting down the hours to getting the grill going for your 4th of July cookout but before you do, you will want to keep some safety and sanitary tips in mind. Melissa Wright with Virginia Tech says staying educated and prepared is key, and that the most crucial factors to consider when cooking is cleanliness--for both the food and utensils -- and temperature.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm, July 5, 2023, Length 1:30** There's a striking new option opening tomorrow in Virginia Beach; showing works from one of history's most-famous artists in a new light. It is called "Beyond Van Gogh" and this morning our Anthony Sabella got the exclusive first look. It is Vincent's World, and we are all just living in it, that is the experience inside a new exhibition opening at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm, July 6, 2023, Length :30** The Veteran's organization Wreaths Across America is working to teach the next generation the value of freedom and honor those that served and their families. To reach that goal, they are going on a national tour in its mobile education exhibit and today they made a stop in Norfolk. The mobile education exhibit brings the local community, veterans, active-duty military, and their families together through interactive exhibits, short films, and shared stories.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm, July 7, 2023, Length :35** We have further details in the case against a former school leader. Today Taylor is the former band director at Chesapeake's Western Branch High School and an assistant principal at Warwick high in Newport News. Taylor pleaded guilty to 6 counts of indecent liberties with a child. The charges stem from an alleged sexual relationship with an underage student while at the western branch. The judge sentenced him to 24 years with 16 of those suspended. A judge sentenced Jason Taylor to eight years behind bars.

**News 3 at 5:00 am, August 3, 2023, Length 1:30** The state of Virginia is home to more than 780-thousand veterans according to the Virginia department of veteran services. Because of the large population of men and women who served, a veteran owned rehab center is waiting on permission by county leaders in Virginia. Veteran Michael O'Dell says help within reach is the difference between life and death...at least it was for him after serving in the marine core.

**News 3 at 11:00 pm, August 3, 2023, Length 1:30** It is official, tonight there is a new superintendent for Newport News Public Schools- and you may recognize her. Dr. Michele Mitchell has been the interim since February. Tonight, at a special meeting, as Ellen ice reports, they named her as superintendent. At a special school board meeting Thursday, Dr. Michele Mitchell was named the new superintendent of Newport News Public Schools.

**News 3 at 6:00 am, August 4, 2023, Length 1:55** Tax free weekend typically was this weekend and people could shop for hurricane preparedness products, back-to-school items, and specific environmentally friendly products tax free. But again, not the case this year. One thing Trae mentioned that I thought was cool was to make back-to-school shopping a teachable moment for kids. Pick an amount that you can spend and put it on a pre-paid gift card and let them make the financial decisions.

**News 3 at 5:30 am, August 4, 2023, Length :20** Here at news 3, we are doing what we can to stay on top of ways to combat gun crime in Hampton roads. We are covering solutions proposed in our local communities like increasing police presence, community outreach programs, cracking down on the illegal flow of guns, and responsible gun ownership education. You will see our complete coverage on w-t-k-r-dot-com.

**News 3 at 5:00 am, September 5, 2023, Length 1:30** News 3's back to school team coverage continues with a look at the growing trend of homeschooling. Following the covid pandemic, the number of homeschooled kids grew in both Virginia and North Carolina. News three anchor Anthony Sabella talks with local families about their decision to teach at home.

**News 3 at 5:00 am, September 5, 2023, Length 1:30** As a new school year begins, it is a reminder of the damage bullying can cause. Suicide is now the leading cause of death for 13 and 14-year-olds in the United States. News three is back to school team coverage continues this morning with an important message for parents.

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**News 3 at 5:00 pm, September 5, 2023, Length :45** School is back in session. You may be spending more money this year on school supplies for your kid and new reports show so are teachers. More than 90-percent of teachers are spending more of their own money on classroom supplies. That is according to the national education association. It estimates that during the 2023-2024 academic year, teachers will spend 800 dollars or more out of pocket.

## **HEALTH:**

**News 3 at 5:00 pm July 21, 2023, Length 2:00** Medical officials monitoring a big concern in Hampton Roads and the commonwealth. According to the Virginia Department of Health, the number of reported syphilis cases have soared to the highest point in over 3 decades. Health leaders say one of the biggest concerns with the spread is that it is infecting more women than ever before and their babies.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm July 24, 2023, Length 1:45** An increasingly popular tool to fight cancer is giving patients new hope. Biomarker testing looks for specific genes or "markers" to better customize treatment plans for patients. Doctors and patients call the advancement a gamechanger for care.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm July 31, 2023, Length 2:30** Every year around 2,000 people under the age of 25 who are seemingly healthy die after a sudden cardiac event. Doctors say a simple EKG test which monitors a heart could save lives. That is why today over 20 of ODU's student-athletes received free cardiac screenings.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm July 31, 2023, Length 2:15** Thousands of women in our area have been waiting to hear if they can continue seeing the same OB-GYN. It has come down to the wire for negotiations between a major health insurance company and more than a dozen women's clinics in our area. In total, this negotiation involves 18 medical groups in Virginia and North Carolina. According to anthem blue cross, blue shield, more than 35,000 women across the commonwealth of Virginia could be directly impacted.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm August 23, 2023, Length :45** A warning from the CDC after a multi-state salmonella outbreak has been linked to small turtles. The CDC is warning that at least 26 illnesses have been reported across 11 states. Including Virginia and North Carolina.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm August 30, 2023, Length :45** The Biden administration has announced the first ten prescription drugs that will be part of new price negotiations between Medicare and pharmaceutical companies. The medications range from those that treat diabetes to heart disease to leukemia. The Biden administration says it plans to add up to 60 drugs on the list.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm August 31, 2023, Length 1:50** A local university is part of a nationwide push to improve healthcare, specifically in underserved communities. Norfolk State University has a new master's program. It has become the first public HBCU (historically Black colleges and universities) in Virginia to offer a Master of Health Informatics.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm August 31, 2023, Length 1:15** A tool to fight the opioid epidemic is expected to hit store shelves next week. It is the first ever over-the-counter drug used to reverse opioid overdose. Walgreens chief medical officer says it will take a couple of days to get naloxone, known by the brand name Narcan, in all their stores.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm September 12, 2023, Length :40** Lots of cold medicine on pharmacy shelves may not actually work. That is according to an independent advisory committee. They told the FDA cold medicine containing phenylephrine is not an effective decongestant. That is a substitute for pseudoephedrine.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm September 13, 2023, Length :45** Cancer experts are demanding action to end an ongoing drug shortage. They are calling for lawmakers to fix the cancer drug shortage and increase funding for cancer research. This comes as the American Association for Cancer Research released its annual cancer progress report today.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm September 13, 2023, Length 2:00** As the need for mental health care has surged, a specialized walk-in clinic in Maryland is serving as a model for other communities nationwide. It operates like an urgent care, but for all mental health needs of all ages. The model is helping thousands of patients find care exactly when they need it.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm September 13, 2023, Length 2:00** Pharmacies around Hampton Roads are preparing for a new batch of covid-19 vaccines. They are from Moderna and Pfizer. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) gave them the okay this week. They could start to show up in Hampton roads pharmacies in October.

## **RACE:**

**News 3 on at 4:00 pm July 5, 2023, Length 1:15** Black BRAND to award B-Force Accelerator graduates with funding to execute business ideas. Piloted in 2021 with a full launch in 2022, it has served more than 200 black owned business since its inception. Best Pitch aims to put capital on the program's graduates, but first, they have to do a little more work.

**News 3 at 6:00 pm July 6, 2023, Length :30** The city of Suffolk approved a new historical marker highlighting the Belleville community. It was founded by an escaped slave who established the Church of God & Saints of Christ.

**News 3 at 11:00 pm July 10, 2023, Length 2:15** Local NAACP who recently called for the city manager to resign, now talks with the new chief of police about crime solutions in the city. They hope to build more transparency in the community after the hiring process for the chief was questioned. The NAACP noted the number of gunshot victims affecting minority communities.

**News 3 on at 6:00 pm July 15, 2023, Length 1:45** Portsmouth held a walk and block party raising awareness for mental health for the minority communities for Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. City leaders highlighted different programs and low-cost ways to help minority families.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm August 2, 2023, Length 0:45** Local historic sites were granted more than a million dollars for new projects ahead of the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Fort Goerge near Fort Monroe was the site of where the first slaves landed in the US. The upgrades should help historians investigate and put more context to the site.

**News 3 at 5:30 am August 7, 2023, Length 3:45** Traditionally News Deserts are communities that have no access to a local news source. While most of us would immediately think of rural communities, many minorities also fall into this category. The biggest issue is funding. Matt Pearl looks at what happens when nonprofits step forward.

**News 3 at 6:00 pm August 12, 2023, Length 2:00** A gun violence panel hosted by two local churches brought together a diverse group of activists, clergy, law enforcement officials, and mothers directly impacted by gun violence. Together, they aim to address the urgent need for collective action in curbing gun violence and fostering safer neighborhoods.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm August 28, 2023, Length 3:35** African American men experience disproportionately higher rates of unemployment, poverty, incarceration and chronic illness than their white counterparts. The Confess Project cultivates a culture of mental health for Black boys and men by training barbers to be aware of and address mental health needs. They equip them with the information, tools, and steps to combat the systemic racism they face.

**News 3 on at 5:00 pm September 12, 2023, Length 1:15** Juneteenth flag raising in one of our local communities. We talked to residents and the mayor about what it means to honor the holiday. Also pushed ahead to events happening throughout the week.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm September 14, 2023, Length 0:45** A local HBCU got the chance to perform at the White House for a special Juneteenth concert. Highlighted events and groups from other local schools performing or doing events.

**News 3 at 11:00 pm September 17, 2023, Length 0:45** Community members and leaders held a wellness festival in the park to Celebrate Juneteenth. There was more than just fun events, there were resources to help uplift the community.

## **POLITICS:**

**News 3 at 6:30 pm on July 2, 2023, Length :45** VA Senator Mark Warner is speaking out about new funding for broadband across the Commonwealth. The money was given through the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment program. Sen. Warner says Virginia has done the work to find where there are gaps in coverage and find ways to address those.

**News 3 at 6:00 am on July 15, 2023, Length 2:15** The Biden administration has announced student loan debt relief for hundreds of thousands of Americans. This happened after SCOTUS struck down a separate loan relief plan. The Department of Education said it will begin notifying borrowers in the upcoming weeks. An Old Dominion University economist warns there could be consequences eventually, saying it shifts costs to future taxpayers.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm on July 24, 2023, Length 2:15** New details showing Governor Glenn Youngkin had a record-breaking fundraising period. According to the Virginia Public Access Project, the governor's political action committee, The Spirit of Virginia, raised \$6M from April to June. That money can be used to help republicans running for state office this November.

**News 3 at 7:00 am on July 29, 2023, Length 1:00** Virginia Senator Tim Kaine is celebrating the senate's passage of a national defense bill. He helped write the fiscal year 2024 defense budget. It aims to give service members a pay raise, expand mental health resources, and give hundreds of millions to military construction projects in Hampton Roads.

**News 3 at 6:00 pm on August 4, 2023, Length :30** Today Sens. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine announced \$25M is headed to Virginia Beach. The funding is to help improve coastal resilience and prevent flooding, especially along Shore Drive. City leaders plan to create stormwater pump stations, tide gates and rainwater collection systems.

**News 3 at 11 pm on August 15, 2023, Length 2:15** Virginia Beach city council tonight discussed potentially bringing a new music festival to the Oceanfront. Some residents and councilmembers are excited at the prospect, but others are concerned about hosting it at the same time as other events. Virginia Beach Mayor Bobby Dyer said he supported the addition, adding he wants to see the Beach become a year-round destination.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm on August 29, 2023, Length :30** The Biden administration has announced the first ten drugs that will be included in new price negotiations. The White House plans to list up to 60 drugs to the list – hoping to control price gouging for Medicare patients. Drug manufacturers have filed eight lawsuits, claiming government overreach.

**News 3 at 6:00 pm on August 31, 2023, Length 1:50** Virginia uses money from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative to help fight flooding across the region. The Youngkin administration now says the program is more costly than beneficial. Virginia joined the program in 2020. Gov. Youngkin signed an order upon taking office to remove the Commonwealth, but the Southern Environmental Law Center is now suing over the potential departure.

**News 3 at 6:30 am on September 22, 2023, Length 1:45** Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are preparing for the possibility of a government shutdown. Thus far, the GOP has been unable to bring a defense funding bill forward to a vote. The deadline to pass a spending bill and avoid a shutdown is Sept 30.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm on September 26, 2023, Length 2:00** With a potential government shutdown looming, military families in our area are worried about keeping food on the table. A shutdown could mean service members being required to report for duty without getting paid. Studies show one in six military and veteran families experienced food insecurity last year. Rep. Jen Kiggans has put forth a bill to keep military members paid even if the government shuts down.

**News 3 at 6:00 am on September 27, Length 2:00** The VBCPS (Virginia Beach City Public Schools) School Board has yet again delayed a vote on Virginia's state model policies for students. Some of the more controversial parts of the policies include parents being required to sign off on pronoun and name changes for their child, and who can play what sports. Two parents have sued the district due to the lack of passage of the policies.

**News 3 at 6:00 pm on September 27, 2023, Length 2:15** State groups are speaking out after thousands of voters who had their rights restored have not been removed from state voter rolls. According to the Dept. of Elections, more than 10,000 previously convicted of felonies have now been re-removed. State law says the governor can restore the rights lost with a felony conviction. The ACLU reports people being removed again due to probation violations, which is not a new felony. The governor's office pointed the finger at Youngkin's predecessor.

## **TRANSPORTATION:**

**News 3 at 4:00 pm, July 3, 2023, Length :30** Free rides for July 4th Holiday within the LYFT Hampton Roads Southside and Peninsula Coverage Area. This was an effort to keep drunk drivers off the roads from "drive safe Hampton roads."

**News 3 at 6:00 pm, July 3, 2023, Length 3:15** News 3 gets an exclusive hard hat tour of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Expansion Project as construction and boring continue.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm, July 7, 2023, Length 1:00** Anchor Jennifer Lewis gives viewers an update on the construction project on the Hampton Roads Express lanes and how it will impact traffic.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm, July 17, 2023, Length 2:08** Lane closures around the HRBT (Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel) began and reporter Brendan Ponton got more information on the plan there and what people need to know. It could cause a mess for a lot of drivers.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm, August 9, 2023, Length 1:00** The Ballahack Boat Ramp and Parking Area was temporarily closed to the public, boaters, and vehicular traffic for construction work to include paving of the existing parking area adjacent to the boat ramp and associated improvements at the Ballahack Boat Ramp area along the Great Dismal Swamp. The trail remained open to bicycle traffic during the construction phase.



**News 3 at 6:00 pm, August 10, 2023, Length 3:34** News 3 Investigators obtained Virginia State Police dash camera video showing dangerous behavior on our area roads. Every year – thousands are hurt and killed on motorcycles. Nationally – we have seen an increase in deaths over the last two years.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm, August 17, 2023, Length 1:51** Construction activities for the rehabilitation of the Colonial Parkway will begin on Monday, August 14, 2023, Legacy Restoration Fund will provide approximately \$123 million for the first major, holistic rehabilitation project for the parkway since its full length opened to traffic in 1957.

**News 3 at 6:00 pm, August 19, 2023, Length :30** A woman is in custody after running into an officer that was conducting a traffic stop. On August 19, 2023, at approximately 0230 hrs., a Chesapeake Police Officer stopped a vehicle on S. Military Hwy near Bainbridge Blvd. The officer was talking to the driver when another vehicle crashed into the police vehicle and struck the officer.

**News 3 at 5:00 pm, September 1, 2023, Length 3:04** at the railyard at Lamberts Point, there is a new grocery store that has signed a lease, one business is already up and running and it is going to be open for people to stop by in just a few months.

**News 3 at 4:00 pm, September 6, 2023, Length :25** Federal regulators are trying to recall more than 50 million air bag inflators. The national highway traffic safety administration says inflators made by a-r-c automotive are defective and have caused several injuries.

**News 3 at 6:00 pm, September 8, 2023, Length 2:04** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is seeking feedback on a transportation study assessing potential operational and safety improvements for Monticello Avenue/St. Paul's Boulevard from East Charlotte Street to Church Street in the city of Norfolk.

**News 3 at 5:00 am, September 29, 2023, Length :25**Traffic fatalities dropped 3.3% in the first half of the year compared with the prior-year period, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. About 20-thousand people died in car crashes in the first half of this year.