

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 (January 1 – March 31)

Below is a list of some of the significant issues responded to by WJTC, Mobile, AL, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of January 1, through March 31, 2024. This list is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Issues addressed: Public Safety, Consumer Awareness, Education, Crime

Regularly Scheduled Programs:

NBC 15 News – Daily local news programs on WJTC

WJTC’s daily newscasts give considerable time to issues that concern the communities of the South Alabama and Western Florida areas.

7pm –7:30                      WJTC News at 7:00                      M-F

WJTC has special reports: Reality Check: Issues that impact our community – we have a hotline for the public to call and report – holding those in power accountable. Also, “Crisis in the Classroom” – Another hotline where people can report problems they see in schools, from in-school learning, behavioral issues, to infrastructure issues. We also have “Addicted Alabama” where we focus on the opioid epidemic’s impact in our community.

6am – 8am                      The National Desk                      M-F  
9pm – 11pm                      The National Desk                      M-F

The National Desk airs M-F. The National Desk covers news across the country showing issues that are important to both national and local communities.

## Crime

<b>Description of Issue</b>	<b>Program/Segment</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment</b>
<b>No More Perp Walks</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>2:31</b>	<b>Mobile police are ceasing the “perpetrator” walk where they would stage a video opportunity to see suspect being lead to a police car where they’re taken to jail.</b>
<b>Six Years for Trial</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>2:21</b>	<b>A capital murder suspect has been released from prison after waiting six years for trial.</b>
<b>Three Notch Road Shooting</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>2/14</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>1:22</b>	<b>A man was shot after an argument between a 16 year old and a group of teens. Police say the victim was not involved in the altercation.</b>
<b>Mobile Safety Meeting</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>2/27</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>1:56</b>	<b>Mobile’s public safety director unveiled new initiatives aimed at reducing violence in the city. Diversion programs rather than jail time will be tried at Strickland Youth Center as part of the first phase.</b>
<b>MPD Policy Report</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>2:19</b>	<b>Mobile leaders are once again set to discuss banning no-knock warrants and pre-dawn raids in the city. Police leaders question</b>

					whether the council can legally set constraints of policing in Mobile.
<b>Glock Switch</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>3/13</b>	<b>7pm</b>		<b>Federal prosecutors are cracking down on Alabama illegal machine guns – which are Glock pistols with an illegal adaptor.</b>

## Public Safety

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<b>Mobile Severe Weather</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>10/1-12/31</b>		<b>Misc</b>	<b>Meteorologists keep up with and inform viewers on severe weather in our area every day in our newscasts.</b>
<b>2023 Suicides</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>2:39</b>	<b>In 2023, the US had the highest rate of suicide we've seen. We speak to local Alta Point Health professionals about this trend.</b>
<b>Eluding Police</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>1/22</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>1:19</b>	<b>Law enforcement will be stationed around downtown tonight on high alert for any signs of</b>

					trouble.
<b>Mardi Gras Safety</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>1/26</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>1:19</b>	<b>Law enforcement will be stationed around downtown tonight on high alert for any signs of trouble.</b>
<b>Pit Maneuvers</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>2:14</b>	<b>Two suspects ran from police today. Last year sheriff's office trained deputies in PIT maneuvers and made it a policy, installing modified bumpers, to use it for dangerous car chases.</b>
<b>Alligator Threat</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>2/21</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>2:29</b>	<b>An alligator has been spotted in a Mobile residential neighborhood hanging out in a ditch. Residents are worried. An Ala. Dept of Conservation wildlife officer came out but they did not make a report that was available.</b>
<b>Texting and Driving</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>2/23</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>3:01</b>	<b>Father talks about his two kids that died from a driver that was texting and hit their mother's car.</b>
<b>Atmore Security Cameras</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>1:50</b>	<b>Atmore police are now asking to tap into local surveillance video from home and business cameras. Police claim it's not "big brother" because people willingly allow the access.</b>

## Consumer Awareness

<b>Description of Issue</b>	<b>Program/Segment</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment</b>
<b>Port Economic Impact</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>2:12</b>	<b>It was announced that the Port of Mobile's economic impact in Alabama's economy is 98.3 billion dollars and supports over 351 thousand jobs in Alabama. The past year, the port and its related industries gave \$2.4 billion in taxes to state and local governments.</b>
<b>Chickasaw Tax Vote</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>2/20</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>2:19</b>	<b>Voters in Chickasaw are awaiting the results of an election that could increase revenue for both the city and the Chickasaw independent school system.</b>
<b>Acne Meds Recall</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>3/14</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>2:03</b>	<b>Concerns of a cancer-causing chemical in common acne treatments suggest that over time the treatment can produce benzene, a known carcinogenic.</b>

## Education

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<b>Book Ban Hearing</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>1/10</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>1:43</b>	<b>A federal lawsuit against Escambia Co school district is moving forward after a motion to dismiss was denied today. The case surrounds the decision to remove a number of library books from school shelves.</b>
<b>Gulf Shores High School</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>2/6</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>2:16</b>	<b>The Gulf Shores City Council approved 131 million dollars for a brand new high school with two gymnasiums and a performing arts center that both students and the community can use.</b>
<b>Phones in School</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>2/8</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>:33</b>	<b>Alabama state board of education ruled today that local school boards can now create policies limiting the use of cell phones at schools.</b>
<b>BC Rain High School Arrest</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>:22</b>	<b>A BC Rain school employee has been arrested for an inappropriate relationship with a student.</b>
<b>School Report Card</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>3/7</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>:58</b>	<b>Governor Ivey signed the Choose Act today, which allows people to</b>

					<b>acquire a voucher to send their child to a private institution.</b>
<b>School Bus Safety</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>3/14</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>2:05</b>	<b>An 8 year old girl was hit yesterday morning at a bus stop. The driver is accused of going around the safety arm of a stopped school bus. We speak to the superintendent to help spread the word to stop at bus stops for children.</b>
<b>Spring Hill Scholarship</b>	<b>WJTC 7pm News</b>	<b>3/27</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>:27</b>	<b>With Birmingham Southern shutting its doors, Spring Hill College is offering \$5k scholarships to its former students.</b>

Appearances:

Kelly Foster – hosted senior recognition banquet March 10 at Izenstone in Spanish Fort. 60 people.