

## **WPFT (FM) PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING**

### **April-June, (2nd Quarter), 2020**

#### **4-5-20 Covid-19**

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#### **4-19-20 Leave No Trace**

Jay Adams talks with Nick Myers a master educator for Leave No Trace an organization devoted to educating those who use public lands for hiking, camping boating and other recreational purposes to use those lands properly and as their name applies, "leave no trace". Their discussion ranged over low impact use of lakes and lake shore as well as frontcountry and backcountry camping.

#### **4-26-20 Fire Safety**

Sevierville Fire Chief Matt Henderson joins Jay Adams and Steve Hartford to talk about fire safety and being sure smoke alarms, and CO2 detectors are properly installed and working correctly. Chief Henderson also discusses a program the SFD has to assist those who cannot afford detectors in their homes. In another segment Jay Adams talks fire safety with Sevierville Fire Marshall J.C. Green.

#### **5-3-20 Covid-19**

Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters and Sevier County Sheriff Ron Seals join Steve Hartford and Jay Adams do discuss Sevier County's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and to talk about the first phase of re-opening of the area's non essential businesses that have been closed for weeks as efforts to fatten the curve of the pandemic continue locally. The discussion includes information about inmates in the Sevier County jail as well as encouragement from the county leaders for citizens to continue to use safe practices as the first phase of reopening gets underway.

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### **5-24-20 Meet SPD Chief Manning/Distracted Driving**

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### **5-31-20 Opiate Addiction**

Steve Hartford and Jay Adams discuss the opioid epidemic with Judge Duane Sloane. Judge Sloan presides over the "Drug Court" program in the fourth judicial district of east Tennessee. The program offers some drug offenders options other than jail time in an effort to move toward ending their dependence on drugs.

### **6-7-20 Sevier County Chapter of Jaycees**

Jay Adams interviews lifetime Jaycees member Bill Etherton about the function of the Jaycees as an organization and programs the group has produced and sponsored. The discussion also included information of the Jaycees American Flag display program which is the group's major annual fundraising program.

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### **6-21-20 CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)**

Program focus is on the Court Appointed Special Advocates program in Sevier County. The non profit organization trains volunteers to work on behalf of children who are the victims of abuse and neglect. Segments include an interview with CASA Executive Director Tisha Morris as well as Judge Jeff Rader.

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