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## MEMORANDUM

TO: KXAN Public Files

RE: Issues and Programs Report – Fourth Quarter 2008  
October 1 – December 31

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The top ten ascertained significant problems and needs of the Austin community are:

1. Crime
2. Education
3. Health and Safety

Attached are examples of local news reports, public service efforts, local programming, and syndicated programs that have addressed these issues. Additionally, as an NBC affiliate, we broadcast network programs that discuss these problems and needs from a national perspective. These include "Dateline" and "Meet the Press."

### CRIME

#### 10/1/08 Burglary Spree

Duration :25 seconds

Detectives say they've busted a man accused of a string of burglaries in Northwest Austin. The suspect is connected with at least seven burglaries in a 2 to 3 week period. Investigators finally caught up with this man "Tony Jamison" after his roommate ratted him out. But not before he lead police on a foot chase. Police say he then attacked his arresting officer. Tonight "Jamison" now charged with "Burglary of a Habitation".

#### 11/1/08 No Refusal DWI Stops

Duration :30 seconds

It's night two of the Austin Police Department's "No Refusal DWI stops." According to police reports 90-people were arrested and booked into the Travis County jail from 10-last night to 6-this morning. 23-people were arrested for DWI. 12-had their blood drawn. 2-were arrested for public intoxication. 8-people were arrested on drug related charges.

#### 11/3/08 Colvin Sentenced

Duration :30 seconds

Hurricane Ike's impact is still hitting a lot of folks. FEMA officials acknowledge a slow response to Texans hit hardest by the hurricane in September. In Galveston and other coastal communities, officials say they need thousands of temporary homes, especially

for refinery and chemical plant workers. A deputy FEMA administrator says the agency will deploy mobile homes more rapidly, and provide more resources. Ike has caused at least \$11-billion of damage in Texas.

#### 12/2/08 Red Light Loopholes

Duration :50 seconds

A Dallas lawyer is calling Austin's red light cameras illegal. The five red light cameras in Austin and the ones just installed in Hutto are now at the center of class action lawsuit. A lawyer in Dallas says the companies that run the cameras don't have the proper license to act as private investigators. He brought the case to court in Dallas with the company that runs the red light cameras there and a judge sided in his favor. He says the companies operating the cameras in central Texas violate the same laws. The city of Austin says Redflex, the company that runs our cameras, is reliable. There are over a hundred cities, many in Texas, that have entered into contracts with Redflex. They're a big company and we are confident in their ability to conduct sound business. Representatives with the city say progress will continue with the red light cameras. Four more are expected to go up in the near future.

#### 12/3/08 Sixth Street Druggings

Duration 1:30 minutes

APD investigators are actually looking into three different incidents where this happened... one back in late September and the other in October. All three victims were approached on 6th street. One was dropped off, and the other two woke up in a hotel parking lot with no memory of what happened the night before. Surveillance video captured the women at South Austin Walmart making transactions with the victims' cards. The video shows at one point, the group splitting up, and in a few of the transactions, some of the suspects are shown purchasing gift cards. Police are looking for four suspects. All of them are black females between the ages of 20 and thirty years old. One of the suspects is described as having medium length black hair and a medium build. Another is said to have short hair and is heavy set. The other two are also described as having medium length, straight black hair. Police say the females were dropped off at Walmart in a white van or Suburban, with tinted windows and dark coloring on the bottom. It's also the same type of vehicle the victims remember being picked up in. Sgt. Justin Newsom, "Two of the males report that they were with friends and that they were drinking, but they were not intoxicated and at some point they lost consciousness and all memory of what had occurred. So, it's believed that were possibly drugged, Although there's no proof of that yet."

#### **EDUCATION**

#### 10/1/08 Eastside High School Meeting

Duration :30 seconds

Eastside Memorial High School may become two new Tech Schools. Parents gathered tonight at the former "Johnston High School" to hear about the two new schools that would be created on the current on the East Austin campus. The proposed New Tech Highs would provide college and career programs that parents and students have requested including dual credit courses, a strong technology focus, and hands-on

instruction that is relevant to students' lives. The board of trustees will vote on the recommendation on October 13th.

#### 10/2/08 Tennessee Teacher Custody Battle

Duration :30 seconds

A Tennessee teacher who disappeared after her husband killed her teenage lover has been tracked to Austin. "Erin McLean" has allegedly been living in Austin with her two sons and another teenage man. Attorney's for now-ex-husband "Eric McLean", who was convicted of reckless homicide for the shooting death of Erin's student lover, told the "Knoxville News Sentinel" that "Erin" fled to Austin with the children. Custody has been awarded to the father's parents while he awaits sentencing, another custody hearing is scheduled for next week.

#### 12/1/08 School Background Check

Duration :45 seconds

A system used to protect your children at school is the focus of a federal lawsuit. There are more than 15 school districts in central Texas using the Raptor System requiring background checks for everyone entering schools for a visit. The system costs 15 hundred dollars per school to install and an additional 432 dollars each year to operate. The Meadows family has filed a lawsuit claiming that the background check done in Lake Travis schools is an invasion of privacy. Raptor software may help keep sex offenders away from schools, but the Meadows have concerns about where their personal information is sent and who would have access to it. Lake Travis ISD is fighting the suit and says the Raptor system is here to stay.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

#### 10/1/08 Computer Mammogram

Duration :25 seconds

A new computer program may lead to more breast cancers being detected. Standard practice is for an expert to interpret a mammogram, but a new study finds that a computer-aided detection system increases the number of tumors spotted. The computer system uses mathematical models to identify and mark suspicious areas in a mammogram. The program would be used as an aid for doctors.

#### 10/1/08 TB Patient

Duration :30 seconds

With the courtroom phone connected to the one in his hospital room, a 75-year old Marble Falls man waited for the green light to go home. Webb Walker says, "I hate to use the word incarceration, but you know, he's in a facility that he can't leave, and he's not with his dog or his family or his home." At last months hearing, the patient's daughter-in-law said he didn't take his tuberculosis treatment and violated orders to stay home because he was stubborn, and threatening the public was never his intent. She testified Wednesday that she would keep an eye on her father-in-law if the judge let him go home and continue treatment. Eddie Arredondo says, "Its just too much of a risk." The Burnet County attorney says he needs to stay where he is. Eddie Arrendondo says, "I would

rather see him locked up in the hospital for a shorter period of time and make sure he's gonna get well than to run the risk of him getting out in public getting other people sick." The judge agreed and ruled that he remain in the hospital until he is completely cured which means a six to nine month stay.

11/1/08 Hurricane Ike Update

Duration :30 seconds

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12/1/08 World AIDS Day

Duration :20 seconds

Countries across the globe marked "World AIDS Day."The White House is decorated with a 28-foot red ribbon to reflect the U.S. commitment to fighting and preventing H-I-V and AIDS. In Vienna, Austria, the United Nations launched balloons in commemoration. According to a UN report published in August, an estimated 33 million people were living with HIV and AIDS last year.