



MEMORANDUM

TO: KXAN Public Files
RE: Issues and Programs Report – Fourth Quarter 2012
October 1 – December 31
DATE: January 4, 2013

The major significant problems and needs of the Austin community are:

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.”

PROGRAMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

NAME OF PROGRAM	DAYS AIRED	TIME AIRED
Austin News Today	Monday-Sunday	(M-F) 5:00-7:00 a.m. (Sat) 7:00-9:00 a.m. (Sun) 7 & 9 a.m.
Austin News Today Show Cut-ins	Monday-Friday	7:26-7:30 a.m. 7:56-8:00 a.m. 8:26-8:30 a.m. 8:56-9:00 a.m.
Austin News @ noon	Monday-Friday	12-1:00 p.m.
Austin News @ 5	Monday-Friday + Sunday	5:00-5:30 p.m.
Austin News @ 6	Monday - Saturday	6-6:30 p.m.
Austin News @ 10	Monday-Friday Saturday-Sunday	10:00-10:35 p.m. 10:00-10:30 p.m.

All of these programs are produced locally and are a mix of news, weather and sports.

CRIME

10/16/12 Downtown Forum

Duration :55 seconds

New tonight, Austin police say the cameras monitoring Downtown are helping to solve crimes even though violent crime is up in that part of the city. At a forum tonight, officers who work the downtown area talked to people who live there about what they're doing to make the area safer after several high profile assaults and homicides. In September, new numbers from APD showed violent crime was up 11.1 percent from the same time last year- crimes like aggravated assaults, robbery, and murder. LT. Connor says I wish we could pinpoint what the one thing was that was driving those violent crimes up but that's what we're constantly trying to find different ways to enforce ordinances or find different ways of trying to prevent those crimes or deter those crimes from occurring. In the year since the HALO cameras went up Downtown, APD says officers have used them to solve a number of crimes, but they have not been acting as the deterrent officers had hoped for.

10/17/12 Federal Reserve Plot

Duration 30 seconds

A man accused of plotting to blow up the Federal Reserve building in New York City is in jail tonight. Authorities say "*Quazi Nafis*" was arrested in a sting operation this morning. They say he tried to detonate what he believed was a one-thousand pound bomb in a van he parked outside the Fed building. Nafis had also allegedly recorded a videotaped statement in which he said, quote. We will not stop until we attain victory or martyrdom. He now faces serious charges including attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction.

10/18/12 Judge Anderson

Duration 1:55 minutes

Anderson says "What happened shouldn't have happened. It's inconceivable." That was Ken Anderson doing a mea culpa last November a month after Michael Morton was exonerated in his wife's death. He said he couldn't remember all the details of a 25-year-old case, but there was one thing he knew for sure. Anderson says "In my heart, I know there was no misconduct whatsoever." Anderson said at the time he welcomed a State Bar Investigation in to his actions in the Morton case. That investigation is over now, and KXAN has the results. A civil lawsuit against Anderson filed in Williamson County this month by the State Bar of Texas says the former prosecutor and current District Judge did hide evidence in the Morton case. It spells out in fine detail five pieces of evidence the jury never heard. Julie Oliver says "We are very pleased that they're going forward with this." Julie Oliver of the Texas Coalition of Lawyer Accountability filed the original grievance against Anderson with the State Bar. Julie also says "This is one of the most egregious cases that I have seen or heard about, and I think that it's appropriate to really put a message out there to the prosecutorial community that this kind of conduct is not going to be tolerated." The State Bar also claims that during a pre-trial hearing in the Morton case Anderson told a judge he had no evidence that was favorable to Morton. The Bar says quote that statement was false. Michael Morton says "I would love to be in a

room with just Ken Anderson and myself and ask him why he did this to me.” Michael Morton has always believed prosecutors hid evidence in his case, but did not want to comment Thursday on the State Bar's case. We reached out to Judge Anderson's attorney Eric Nichols who told us this: "We respectfully disagree with the positions taken and the allegations made by the State Bar Disciplinary Council. We will defend against these allegations in the public forum of a Court of Law."

11/10/12 Austin Teen Murdered

Duration 1:00 minute

Good evening the police have released very few details as it is still early in their investigation. Family members were out here today setting up this memorial they tell me they won't rest until they get answers. Police say 16 year old Jorge Medina was killed after receiving serious from a fight late Thursday night. A little over 24 hours after the incident a home next door was burned down. Homicide units and the Austin fire department are now doing a joint investigation in this case. They're currently talking to several witnesses who saw the whole thing happen. Detectives were also out here on the scene taking pictures and gathering clues. Jorge's cousin tells me he was out here with his girlfriend late Thursday night when the fight broke out. Family members have been stopping by the scene all day mourning this tragic loss. They tell me their next step is seeking justice in Jorge's murder. "Cops are doing what they can and we just got to wait and hopefully they find the people that did this its very wrong to do this to my cousin he was a 16 year old him and his girlfriend and its very hard to deal with."

11/10/12 Norwood Indicted

Duration 1:20 minutes

The man accused of killing a Williamson County woman in the mid-80's, now faces charges in a separate murder case. "Mark Norwood" is already charged with capital murder in the death of "Christine Morton". Now officers believe he killed another woman around the same time. Norwood was charged with the 1988 murder of "Debra Baker" yesterday. She, like Christine Morton, was beaten to death in her home. Morton and Baker lived only miles apart from one another, and just miles away from Norwood. The Baker case was cold until last year when DNA evidence from the Morton case matched DNA found at the Baker scene. That DNA belonged to Norwood and it also cleared Michael Morton who spent 25 years wrongly imprisoned for his wife's murder. KXAN spoke to an old neighbor of Debra Baker's, who says she never forgot about the young mother Or her children. Anne says I know it really means a lot to people to get that feeling of finally having a solution of knowing who killed mother and knowing that they're going to be in jail. The Baker family released this statement. It reads, in part quote "It has been excruciating for all of us who loved Debra to wait for this day. Now, we finally have a face to put with her tragic murder. It is difficult for us to process, the reality that Debra might still be with us, if evidence in the Morton case had been handled in the manner required by law.

12/10/12 Sex Offender on the Run

Duration 1:40 minutes

Last Wednesday, in Caldwell County's 421st district courtroom just before Javier Quintero's sexual assault case went to the jury, Prosecutor Katy Alsobrook and the rest of the court recessed for lunch around noon. Katy says we were supposed to return at 1:15 and he did not return. At that point, Quintero hadn't yet been convicted and was not in custody. Katy says He informed some family members in the courtroom that he was not planning on returning. So with an empty seat at the defense table the jury convicted him on all five counts of aggravated sexual assault and sentenced him to 48 years in prison. Katy says He's dangerous I think because he probably feels like he has nothing to lose. The assault case against Quintero goes back to 2009 to this mobile home community in Caldwell County. Authorities say Quintero was one of five men who provided alcohol to a 15 year old girl then took turns sexually assaulting her. Two others have already been found guilty- each time, the victim has testified in court. Katy says It's very emotional and difficult for her, but she's definitely willing to stick to it and tell her story. Two days before he disappeared and while his trial was going on Quintero asked friends on his Facebook page to pray for him so he could quote have a second chance in life. Katy says I think he's in San Marcos somewhere, as far as we know that's where all of his family and friends are. I don't think he has any connections outside this immediate area. But right now if they do know where he is- his family and friends aren't talking.

12/11/12 Aviles Trial Begins

Duration 45 seconds

The trial of a man accused of killing his daughter's girlfriend and her mother started today in Travis County. Norma and Maria Hurtado were shot to death inside their home back in April of 2011. And today witnesses and family members took the stand to talk about the shooting and also Norma's relationship with Jose Aviles' daughter. "Aviles" is charged with *capital murder* and prosecutors believe his motivation may have been that he disapproved of his daughter dating another woman. The crime sparked protests against hate crimes back when it happened, but today, Aviles' defense attorneys told the jury he was only frustrated that his daughter was sneaking out to see Norma while she left her 4-year-old daughter behind. They say a murder conviction instead of capital murder would be appropriate by-law.

EDUCATION

10/15/12 Gang Graduation

Duration 1:40 minutes

Just six weeks into the school year |these fourth and fifth graders are already graduating. Parents and police officers are on hand to congratulate 90 students at Winn Elementary for completing a program called GREAT, it stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training. Pledge: "I promise, I promise, to be a GREAT citizen, to be a GREAT citizen avoid gangs." They're the first of more than 12-hundred kids who will make the pledge this semester. Detective Lance Cox/Austin ISD Police Department in class: if you're ever approached with a situation, we're here to help you make choices to get you away from it. Once a week school police officers visit classrooms like this one at Barbara Jordan Elementary teaching kids about smart decision making, how to deal with bullies, and why gangs are bad. Arie Evans, 4th Grader, Barbara Jordan Elementary says "we learned that

they're like disrespectful, they steal and they do drugs." Terra Fritsche\4th Grader, Barbara Jordan Elementary says "if you join a gang you're probably going to be doing bad things instead of good." The program was launched five years ago in three middle schools after Austin High School student Christopher "Woody" Briseno was killed in a drive-by shooting while walking home from the bus stop. It's now taught to 4th and fifth graders as well because studies show that's when they can be influenced the most. Chief Eric Mendez, Austin ISD Police Dept. says "we want to make sure we have that positive influence before they're affected by a negative influence." The police chief says it is no coincidence student gang membership is down. Our belief is that it's through our intervention efforts that those numbers are declining.

10/16/12 UT Alert System Problems

Duration 40 seconds

The University of Texas is pointing out a flaw in its emergency text alert system. Last Friday an alert was sent out regarding a man carrying a rifle and wearing a gas mask. And a month ago UT was evacuated after a caller claimed to have placed bombs all over the campus. Both of these threats turned out to be hoaxes, but today UT Police said some students didn't receive the messages. The problem came when parents also signed up for the alerts. They essentially knocked their kid's cell phone number out of the system. Now UT is encouraging all parents to contact the Texas Exes if they want to receive emergency alerts, and not sign up through the UT system.

11/10/12 WWII Reenactment

Duration 1:27 minutes

They call it Close Assault, 1944, honoring the service and sacrifice of America's veterans. Even military couples brought their kids to watch. Kyle Elliot \Soldier/Dad says "They ask a lot of questions so we were hoping they could actually see instead of us describing it would answer some of their questions." Uniforms, equipment and weapons were shown and demonstrated, including US and German small arms. It was an education for young and old. It needs to be told. The story is important. I really think it's important the kids, everybody knows what really happened. I learned a lot today. When the staged battle was over, kids stormed the field for souvenir shell casings. "I thought the show was really cool and the best part was when the tank came in. I've never seen one and I thought it was really cool." The show is entertaining, but it also has a serious purpose. "The children or grandchildren of these World War II veterans will come up to us and say you know my dad or granddad would never talk about what he went through, what he did over there. He came out and saw this show, suddenly he's willingly to talk about it, suddenly he's telling us what he saw, where he was, what he experienced. Some veterans have a pretty emotional catharsis.

11/10/12 Med School Boosts

Duration 40 seconds

The new medical school coming to Austin could be a big boost to the local life science industry. "X-Biotech" gave us a unique look inside their Austin lab. The company is very close to gaining FDA approval on a cancer treatment being used on patients at "MD Anderson". The drug stops tumors from growing. Life science experts tell us the medical school will attract more companies like them. Josh Comb, /Manufacturing Director of

XBiotech says, "I think that the more people in the marketplace, probably the better. It certainly does the city better and it would probably do companies like ours better. It just gets us more notoriety and it helps get a great drug like ours. Patients will have easier access to the drugs the new medical school will also provide a place to conduct clinical trials.

12/11/12 IDEA Federal Grant

Duration 40 seconds

Two Texas charter school districts that have campuses in Austin - have a huge pile of federal cash coming their way. The *U.S. Department of Education* announced today "IDEA Charter Schools" and "Harmony Public Schools" have both won "Race to the Top" grants. They're two of just 16 districts across the country selected to share 400-million dollars. Schools were scored on how well they personalize education for all students and provide the tools teachers need. Meanwhile, the Austin school board could put the brakes on expansion plans for IDEA's new campus in East Austin that opened this year.

12/12/12 AISD Facilities Meeting

Duration 1:20 minutes

A meeting just ended here at Bowie High School...to get more feedback from parents. Right now, more than half of the high school students in the district take classes geared toward careers like law enforcement, culinary arts, video and film, hospitality, and the list goes on. But the problem is not every program is offered at every school. The district has come up with four scenarios to change that. It basically boils down to either creating a North and South Austin hub, or just one Central Austin spot where kids would spend half a day and then return to their home campus for regular classes. Another option is to put magnet programs on various campuses. Each plan would serve between 4 and 5-thousand students. One of the scenarios names Lanier High School as a possible North hub and Crockett High School as a South hub. If that happens both campuses would undergo renovations and that would take bond money. There were not a lot of parents at the public meeting tonight when these plans were laid out. Students in some of the programs were on hand to share their experience including kids participating in the culinary program. Right now it's offered at three South Austin high schools, but none north. Annette Gregory/AISD Career and Technical Programs Executive Director says "so those students if they were interested in pursuing a career in culinary they would have to transfer to one of the south schools and provide their transportation to that school.

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

10/17/12 Perry and Religious Freedom

Duration 45 seconds

The state's top leaders are sticking up for some East Texas cheerleaders. Today Attorney General Greg Abbott and Governor Rick Perry defended the Kountze (koontz) cheerleaders' rights to put up religious messages during football games. The Kountze (koontz) school district banned the messages after a Wisconsin group complained the practice violated the separation of church and state. But Abbott says the cheerleaders' freedom of expression is being violated. He also says Texans shouldn't yield to an out of

state group. Attorney General Greg Abbott “We will not allow atheist groups from outside of the state of Texas to come into this state, to use menacing and misleading intimidation tactics to try to bully schools to bow down at the altar or secular beliefs.” A ruling in the case is expected Thursday.

10/18/12 Judge Rules for Religious Freedom

Duration 35 seconds

A group of Cheerleaders in East Texas *will* be able to use biblical scriptures at high school football games. A district judge ruled that Kountze (KOONTZ) ISD's policy banning the banners violated the cheerleader's free speech rights. The banners used phrases like "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST THAT STRENGTHENS ME." The cheerleaders can continue to use the banners while the law suit goes through the court. An Atheist group, the Freedom From Religion foundation complained to the district saying the district was promoting Christianity. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott had backed the cheerleaders.

11/15/12 Israel Gaza

Duration 25 seconds

There was a new round of violence in the Middle East. 274 rockets were sent into Israel today by Palestinian militants in the Gaza strip killing at least three people. The attacks are threatening to trigger an Israeli ground invasion of Gaza. Israeli troops have been moving toward the border area. Four years of an informal truce have unraveled in recent weeks after hundreds of rocket attacks from Gaza and retaliatory air strikes from Israel.

11/15/12 Proposition 1 Lawsuit

Duration 30 seconds

New tonight, the lawsuit against the Central Health Proposition 1 that raises property taxes to help pay for a new medical school gets a setback. A federal judge declined a motion for an injunction against prop 1 which would have delayed implementation of the tax. The proposition is championed by State Senator Kirk Watson of Austin. It won approval on Election Day. *The Travis County Taxpayers Union* has filed a federal lawsuit claiming the language of Proposition 1 on the ballot was "illegally skewed".

12/10/12 Texas Secession

Duration 20 seconds

Following the November election Texans began to sign a petition to secede from the USA. Texans now wait for a response. The deadline to collect signatures on the white house petition regarding Texas secession has now passed. Yesterday was the one month deadline to collect 25-thousand e-signatures on the White house's *We The People* website. More than 119-thousand people signed the petition. The question is now what kind of response the White House will give to the question.

12/11/12 Fiscal Cliff

Duration 40 seconds

20 days until the Fiscal Cliff and late progress tonight to avoid those massive spending cuts and tax increases. President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner spoke

by phone tonight. Publicly both sides say they need something from the other. Rep. John Boehner (R-OH) House Speaker: "We are still waiting for the white house to identify what spending cuts the president is willing to make." Jay Carney White House Press Secretary: "What we haven't seen from republicans to this day is a single spec-specific proposal on revenue." Republicans say they are now offering new revenue as part of a counter offer, The white house has reduced its request on taxes as well. Details on both still kept under wraps. A deal needs to be reached by the end of the week for Congress to pass it in time before the Christmas break.

SAFETY & FAMILY VALUES

10/15/12 Lake Austin Task Force

Duration 1:40 minutes

Five months ago, the City Council created the Lake Austin Task Force to tackle some of the issues facing Austin's popular recreational lake. Chuck Lesniak, City of Austin Environmental Officer "what we're seeing is a lot of development pressure and recreational use pressure on Lake Austin" Today, the task force held a public meeting not in an office building but on a barge. The purpose? For the members to get out and see first hand, the problems they're trying to solve. "the council and the community are starting to have concerns about overuse, too much development, inappropriate development and erosion of the banks" Erosion of the banks is largely caused by the waves created by boats. Popular Austin water sports wakeboarding and wake-surfing require large boat wakes, and some say that speeds erosion. Nick Wiersema, Lake Austin Task Force member "from a wakeboarding standpoint, what you're tending to do is weight the boat a little bit to sink more of the hull and produce a bigger wake to launch off of" Erosion video, with audio "you do increase the pressures on the shoreline and that, as a result, will often manifest itself in erosion" "It's clear that overuse or misuse of this lake we all love can have consequences. The question now, is how can we continue to enjoy it sustainably?" "setting up no-wake zones in certain areas that we want to have protected" "as well as having a way of educating the public as to where those areas are, and what appropriate means for traveling in a boat through those areas would be" "The task force will bring their recommendations to the City Council for a vote within 6-8 months. On Lake Austin, David Yeomans is with KXAN News."

10/18/12 Texting While Driving

Duration 45 seconds

Texting while driving has been illegal for more than two and a half years in Austin. Police have caught more than 500 drivers texting. We took an in-depth look at those tickets. Nearly half of the drivers are in their 20's. Around 30-percent are in their 30's. Get this, only two drivers ticketed were under 18. Heather Rountree got a ticket last summer after totaling her car while sending a text. Heather Rountree, crashed her car while texting says, "The more people that do know, it's probably better just 'cause we don't think that anything will happen until it does and then you know I was lucky to walk away from it, but like not everybody has been." Austin police caught the most drivers texting up and down I-35. Motorcycle officers drive along the shoulder during rush hour

looking for it. We've mapped out all 517 tickets on our website just look for this story on www.kxan.com.

11/10/12 Dogs at VA Hospital Help Vets

Duration 40 seconds

This veteran's day weekend some four legged friends are helping out the men and women who bravely served our country. At the V-A hospital in San Antonio, a couple of therapy dogs joined the doctors in the Poly-trauma center. She just came right up to me and just started licking my face. You know, it might have been something good that I ate for lunch or something, but they don't care that I don't have any legs or I don't have a left arm, you know?" Many of the vets there have severe physical injuries including amputations. The dogs help the wounded warriors heal their emotional scars. One of the dogs is an amputee, having lost a leg in a traffic accident.

11/15/12 Teen Pedestrian Killed

Duration 30 seconds

Counselors were on hand at *Leander High School* today after one of their students was killed last night after being hit by an 18 wheeler. It happened on Highway 183 just south of Block House Drive just after 7:30 last night. KXAN's "Casey James spoke to students about the loss saying 15 year old Enzo Padua was up beat and glass half full kind of guy says his friends. He was a really nice person; he was loud and energetic. Classmates said he loved to dress up in super hero outfits any chance he could. His friend Brodi posted this picture saying, "he was ridiculously optimistic" "he was one of the people who really drove us". He was himself; he wasn't shy. News of the deadly incident quickly spread through out the school. A lot of individuals were crying and taken by it. I was shocked. It was on this stretch of highway 183 where Cedar Park Police and fire responded to the incident on Wednesday evening. Police say Enzo was struck by a semi truck in the south bound lane just south of Block House Drive. It's unclear at this time where Enzo was heading when he was hit, but one thing is certain this super hero will be missed.

12/10/12 Cold Weather Fire Dangers

Duration 1:20 minutes

When temperatures drop in Central Texas Charles Fisk is in high demand. Charles Fisk from Chimney Sweep says we're here to help people to keep the smoke going up the chimney, not throughout their house. Wearing his trademark top hat, he and his team of chimney sweeps are hard at work. This was just one stop Monday to ensure this fireplace is safe to use before a new family moves in this weekend. As the smoke goes up the chimney, it lines the chimney and if you don't remove that after 50 fires you're at risk for a chimney fire. The Austin fire department says there have already seen several chimney fires this year including one at this home in Shady Hollow. Last February a family had just moved in and found out the hard way the fireplace needed to be cleaned. But when it comes to what causes the most house fires in the cold - space heaters rise to the top. Asst. Chief Palmer Buck from Austin Fire Department says that we've had a couple of fires already this year where space heater was up to a curtain or right next to a bed that starts that bed or curtain on fire that causes problems. Firefighters say this is also the perfect

time to check your smoke detectors. That's pretty simple just put your finger on the test button and that tells you the smoke detector is working.

12/12/12 Marriages and Births on 12/12/12

Duration 50 seconds

Today marks a once in a lifetime date 12-12-12 is the last repeating-number date of this century. People all over the world including Austin are celebrating this remarkable day in unique ways. A new survey say more than 9 thousand couples will marry today. It's also a popular birthday. Hospitals are reporting a surge in scheduled c-sections. A mom at St. David's Hospital in Round Rock gave birth to a girl at exactly 12:12 today. Family members say they're ecstatic the little girl will always have a significant birth date. And what a day for an aggie to be born! The significance we're talking about of course is the 12th man tradition at Texas A&M University. The little "12th man" was born at 3:15 this afternoon at medical city Dallas and is doing just fine! We're told little palmer is already dressed in his Texas A&M class of '35 onesies!

TRANSPORATION

10/11/12 City Using Electronic Signage for ACL

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The city of Austin installed electronic informational signs along more than a dozen streets earlier this year, but the signs haven't been put to full use until now. October's Austin City Limits Music Festival and November's Formula One race are changing that. The city is working to program 13 electronic signs to provide critical information to both visitors and Austinites. The signs, which are attached to posts and hang overhead of lanes on the roads, have been flashing the date and time for the last several months. Some of them are completely off. But just in time for the ACL Music Festival, actual messages will appear on the screens. The signs give the city the ability to share important information with travelers in Austin -- whether driving, walking, riding a bike or on a city bus. City officials can communicate with about half of the signs wirelessly right now, allowing them to push messages to the public in real time. The other half will be wirelessly enabled before F1. The electronic signs are part of the larger system that the city's Planning and Development Review Department is putting into place. In the coming weeks, expect to see signage, brochures and kiosks directing people to taxi stands, pedicabs, shuttle busses and so on. "The bigger picture that these signs play a part of is trying to better convey information to the traveling public whether you're a motorist, bicyclist, pedestrian or transit rider," said Austin Transportation Department assistant director Gary Schatz. "And it looks at our transportation system holistically." Schatz said short, efficient messages on the signs are not only safe but effective. "If people at least know what's going on or feel like they have been provided information where they can get more information that helps them plan in advance. So, timely sharing of information is important," Schatz said. When big events like ACL Music Fest, F1 or South By Southwest are not in the picture, Schatz said the electronic signs can be used for public service announcements. He also said the city is working to incorporate technology that's tied into the traffic signal system that can give people live traffic updates and travel times. There are street closures from midnight Thursday through early

Monday morning and motorists should expect delays around the Zilker Park/Barton Springs Road area and throughout downtown and Barton Springs Road from Robert E. Lee to Rollingwood Drive. There are street closures from midnight Thursday through early Monday morning and motorists should expect delays around the Zilker Park/Barton Springs Road area and throughout downtown.

- Barton Springs Road from Robert E. Lee to Rollingwood Drive.
- Stratford Drive from Barton Springs Road to Nature Center Trail.
- Barton Springs Road/Lou Neff to Stratford Drive (right lane westbound).
- The Zilker Botanical Gardens and Austin Nature and Science Center will be closed on event days.

Barton Springs Pool will remain open to the public, with access to the pool via the Robert E. Lee Drive parking lot. ADA accessibility to the pool will be through the west side of the park. Parking can be accessed via the Andrew Zilker Road entrance, from the MoPac/Loop 1 access road, with a valid Disability Parking Tag.

10/15/12 Move Over Slow Down Begins

Duration 40 seconds

These days, drivers face more and more distractions which can be a dangerous combination for those who's job descriptions include frequent stops on the side of the road. Officers doing regular traffic stops, next thing you know their cars being flown into the next median. Exactly seven years ago this APD officer was nearly hit after pulling over another vehicle for speeding. The officer was ok, but some officers are not so lucky that's why the "Move Over Slow Down" laws were put in place. I think it's pretty dangerous for emergency vehicle with so many cars on the road, close calls are becoming more frequent, all the time, especially in Austin, especially when it rains. According to a national survey 71 percent of Americans have never heard of the law. That's why a variety of agencies around Central Texas are using the next few weeks to remind drivers of the move over law, including Kyle Police Department. I hope people start paying attention obeying the laws and make it safer for everyone out here on the highway. Monday, Kyle officers cited 40 drivers who came too close to other units who had already pulled someone over. The law was passed in 2003. When drivers see a police, fire, EMS or a tow truck, they have two options. You can either move over to the next lane as you pass or you can slow down 20 miles an hour below the posted speed limit. Right now, 49 states have passed the move over laws. The Texas Department of Transportation issued more than 17,000 warnings and citations to drivers in 2011 and 6,000 the first half of this year. a message they want drivers to remember in hopes of saving their fellow comrades or anyone for that matters life in the future.

11/15/12 Veterans Parade Crash

Duration 30 seconds

In west Texas late this afternoon a freight train slammed into a parade float that was carrying wounded veterans. Four people were killed and 17 others injured. 10 people are in critical condition. The eastbound *Union Pacific* train reportedly sounded it's horn before hitting the float near downtown Midland. The wounded veterans and their spouses

were seated on folding chairs on two flat-bed trucks. One of the trucks didn't make it across the tracks. People were seen jumping off the trucks as the train approached. The veterans parade was to have ended at a banquet hall in Midland were a celebration dinner was planned.

11/16/12 Traffic Shuttle

Duration 55 seconds

Parking is scarce. These garages filled up fast, and lots nearby are charging as much as 20 bucks a space. Over here, this lane will be completely filled with part of the 450 shuttle buses running continuously to and from the Circuit of the Americas. They start at 7 a.m. and will go until 3.5 hours after the final scheduled racing event each day. From here, it's a 40-50 trip. From the other site at the Travis County Expo Center, it's a 30-40 minute trip. Steer clear of MLK Boulevard and Highway 130 if you want to avoid the shuttle traffic. So far from riders though not a lot of complaints, but we're told ridership here will triple on the actual race day Sunday. Man: "It wasn't bad. We left from here. It was about a 45-minute wait in line. It was comfortable. It was good, and I think we did good timing." Man: "Everything from the line that was 45 minutes long. Not that big a deal. It moved quickly. Coming back, it was very easy."

11/16/12 Texas Welcome at ABIA

Duration 55 seconds

Some 18-thousand travelers are flying into Austin's airport today - many of them international passengers here for *Formula 1*. They arrive with high hopes and fat wallets. They proudly show off their pricey F-1 tickets. One Austin man went to the airport hoping someone would sell him a spare. Volunteer translators were there who could speak multiple languages. The airport today felt like a meeting of the *United Nations*. They picked the right airport. A recent national survey of 5-thousand passengers ranked ABIA the third best airport in the nation to be stranded in. That's because of amenities, cleanliness, entertainment, food and shopping.

12/12/12 Downtown Parking Issue

Duration 1:05 minutes

Everywhere you look downtown you see some kind of construction. The City of Austin says that's why they are considering the possibility of re-vamping parking spot rules. At the moment, residential buildings downtown must provide 60 percent of its normal parking. Downtown office buildings must provide at least 20 percent. The City hopes to do away with the current ordinance to give builders more room for usable space. That could lower development cost and possibly lower rent. The goal is to encourage a more walk-able downtown, promoting alternative transportation. But, some say Austin isn't equipped like other major metropolis when it comes to that. There has to be places for people to park when they come downtown, public transportation is not available to everybody. That's why the city will make it an option for property owners and builders when it comes to regulated parking spots and not a requirement. They will also add more permit parking for nearby residential areas to prevent over-flow. As well as, adding parking locating devices around town, an innovative way to keep downtown growing while dealing with the demand for parking.

12/13/12 Highway 29 Improvements

Duration 50 seconds

A highway project in western Williamson county is finally done tonight. The 3 million dollar highway 29 expansion near Liberty Hill included the installation of a one point eight mile long turning lane. This modification, school administrators in the area say is important because so many young drivers will be using this stretch or road. The new Liberty Hill high school will open next fall. That means almost one thousand new students will be getting on and off this highway daily. Dr. Rob Hart, Superintendent of Liberty Hill ISD said "There's a tremendous traffic flow on hwy 29 before this project ever started so it's a huge help to us to widen it and give us a turning lane because of the flow in and out not only to school but all the activities that comes with the high school." Business owners in the area say the turning lane helps keep their customers safe too. One small store owner said her business has already improved sales because of the new turn lanes.