

# WIBG-FM Issues & Programs Report

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All WIBG-FM Issues and Programs information reports are aired seven days a week, 24 hours a day at the top of the hour. These reports contain the Issues story coverages that include newsmakers, listeners and respondents to . Each item ranges from 1 minute 20 seconds, to long form 5 minutes . These daily Issues reports comprise 85% of our Issues compositions, with an additional 15% programming reflecting public service announcement highlights working within every community in our licensed communities to maximize the effect of positive coverage for the public service agencies .

### OCTOBER-2018

October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, WIBG Issues conducted an open report on Blue cities including Atlantic City, Bridgeton and Wildwood to determine the impact of political redistricting within their borders. Interviews with Mayor Kelly of Bridge, Mayor Gilliam in Atlantic City and Wildwood Mayor Ernie Troiano commented on the impact of state and federal dollars to their cities. These programs aired on these dates at 7:45am, 8:45am and 12 noon. October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> full coverage and reaction from the public to the death of Annie Valiente, struck by a NJ Transit train. Authorities maintain it was suicide, her family filed lawsuit against the state. We interviewed their attorney Paul Damato providing details of the case and appropriate response from NJ Transit. This was a three part series. October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, WIBG Issues followup to the Force Report, a long term investigational series with our Investigative reporter Lynda Cohen on internal reviews within the Atlantic City Police Department. The four part series aired on October 10-11-12 and 13 with followup later in December. Interviewed were Deputy Chief James Sarkos and Mayor Frank Gilliam. Listener response was also aired to permit the broader audience to have an active voice in this issue. October 15<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> WIBG providing full spectrum coverage on Atlantic City Council's role in governance in light of recent issues confronting the Mayor. City Council President Marty Small was the featured interviewee with followup news items from Councilman Kaleem Shabazz. October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> WIBG's Issues programming focussed on the ever growing issue of legalization of marijuana and its long and short term effects on the health and public safety of our listeners. These reports featured local, county and state officials including Atlantic County Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo and more response from State Senator Chris Brown. October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, WIBG Issues interviewed Middle Township Police Chief Chris Leusner on the ongoing issues of opioid addiction and the increasing number of arrests made in the Township. This single series focussed on identifying potential abusers of opioids and other important watchguards.

### NOVEMBER- 2018

With the General Election merely days away, WIBG Issues took a look at the candidates and their views on key issues. Interviewed with listener input were Congressional candidates in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, local Freeholder candidates in Atlantic and Cape May Counties and a full spectrum report on state ballot issues and how they affect our listeners. Our reports aired on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, each segment was 1:5 minutes in length. November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>,

WIBG Issues Investigative series focused on the outcome of the April Kaufmann murder trial, the convictions of Freddie Augello of Upper Township and a detailed look at the circumstances surrounding her death and what role did the Atlantic County Prosecutor have in solving this case. November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, WIBG Issues concluded a report that aired on these days dealing with the economies of Hamilton, Galloway and Egg Harbor Townships and the long term effects it has on the residents of these communities. We interviewed Hamilton Mayor John Kurtz and Egg Harbor Township Mayor Sonny McCullough on the ir future directions for sustainability. Next were veterans issues and formulating three important WIBG Issues programs with Director of Veterans Affairs Joe Griffes. Joe interviewed several high ranking miliray officers from all branches of the military on the plight of the homeless veteran. This 1 hour and 23 minute series aired on Saturday, for the last two Saturdays in November.

The plight of drug abuse and homelessness is a key issue and many WIBG listeners responded to the veterans appeals for help. The program has won national acclaim for its thorough review of the subject and bringing the issue to the general public. November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, WIBG Issues focused on the ever prevelent iffuse of the PAARC Testing Program for Atlantic City and area students. Our WIBG Issues focus was with Atlantic City School Board President Walter Johnson who said the board will continue to follow the state mandate on the issue. This program aired for two consecutive days with input from our listeners.

Novmber 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, WIBG Issues programming centered about the redevelopment of Atlantic City's Chelsea Heighta and Ducktown neighborhoods and how significant the drug trade has destroyed large portions of the city. This 4 minute, three day feature provided coverage with City Councilman George Tobbett and Councilman Jeff Fountleroy. Intense listeners interaction was gannrered through the airing of these segments. On November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, WIBG Investigative Reporter Lynda Cohen documents the ongoing plight of the Atlanc County commuter in the perilous shutdown of the Atlantic City rail line. This has caused major disruption for area commuters. Calling it the worse thing that could happen, State Senator Chris Brown reported meeting with the Director of NJ Transit to express his displeasure. The full WIBG Issues report was aired in two 3 minute segments, with further one hour coverage of this on Saturday morning, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. WIBG Issues programming wrapped up November with e full report on the dangers of voter fraud and the connection to this months General Election. The report featured Atlantic County Board of Elections Chair Lynn Caterson.

## DECEMBER-2018

December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, WIBG Issues focused on recycling issues, including some single stream surtailments at the Atlantic County Utlitiies Authority and the long term impact it is likely to have in the new year. Our three part, three day interview featured ACUA Director Rick Dovey. Dovey described in painful detail, how the culmination of some of the recycling efforts has impacted the 23 communities of Atlantic County. This feature went viral on our WIBG.com NewsFirstNow site as well. December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, WIBG Radio News Issues Report generated much listener interest on dune protection in Margate and Longport. This series with Longport Mayor Nick Russo provided a deep understanding for our listeners as to the centuries of dune protection and the impact on the community. This two part series concluded with interviews with Mayor Mike Becker in Margate. We also brought a WIBG Issues report to the public on the continuing issue of the Buena Regional Wrestler who was forced to cut his dreadlocks before a match. The story ignited a lot of listener interest at WIBG.

In addition to these indepth Issues reports, WIBG aired 24, 60 second Public Service

Announcements without charge to more than 35 public service agencies. These 60 second spots air each hour at :20 past the hour.