



KSMO (Kansas City)
Issues/Program Report
4th Quarter 2023

The following programs are locally produced live news programs that present a mixture of news, weather, sports and issue-related stories and segments.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time (Central)</u>
KCTV 5 News at 6:00 a.m.	Monday - Friday	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
KCTV 5 News at 9:00 a.m.	Monday - Friday	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

4th Quarter Special Programming Notes

KSMO made no changes to or extended its normal programming for special and/or breaking news events.

4th Quarter 2023 Summary

Some examples of the ways KSMO – TV used news programming to address issues of concern to the public in its service area are included in this report. The duration of reports is from :15 – 2:41.

- **Crime & Violence**
- **Community & Charity**
- **Health & Medical**
- **Political & Government**

Crime & Violence Concerns (October 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
KS cold case solved	Oct. 4, 2023	7 a.m.	:47
KSMO reports police in Wichita believe they have solved a 34-year-old cold case. Investigators in Kansas are now naming Paul Hart as the suspect in the case that saw 20-year-old Krista Martin be sexually assaulted and murdered in 1989. The case was cracked by recent advances in DNA technology, which authorities said was not available three decades ago.			
KCK police presence	Oct. 24, 2023	7 a.m.	4:15
KSMO reports Kansas city, Kansas, Police say there is no threat to the public after a large police presence was requested in the area of 6 th Street and Orville Avenue in KCK. That's the Strawberry Hill neighborhood and fairly close to KCK City Hall.			

Crime & Violence Concerns (November 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Oak Park Mall shooting folo KSMO reporter Joe Hennessy was live at the Oak Park Mall following up on previous reporting about a shooting that happened Sunday afternoon. KSMO reports the shooting happened in the mall's food court. It happened just two days after another shooting at the Independence Center Mall.	Nov. 13, 2023	7 a.m.	2:10
Gladstone stolen car arrest KSMO anchor Julia Avery reports Eduardo Dominguez-Garcia was arrested after being on the run for three years. Investigators in Gladstone said he killed his girlfriend three years ago and was caught Nov. 23, 2023, after police used new "Flock" technology to discover the car he was driving was stolen. Dominguez-Garcia had already been charged and a judge in Chippewa County said they would extradite him back to face those charges.	Nov. 24, 2023	7 a.m.	:42

Crime & Violence Concerns (December 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
KCPD hit and run KSMO anchor Bill Hurrelbrink reports Kansas City, Missouri Police are searching for the driver responsible for stealing a car and then killing someone with it. The hit-and-run crash happened just east of 71 Highway at 31 st and Agnes. The driver was speeding in the opposite lanes of traffic in a Hyundai Sonata, KCPD said.	Dec. 12, 2023	7 a.m.	:19
Homicide record tracker After a pregnant woman was killed in KCMO, KSMO reports on the record homicide pace the city is on. The woman's death was the 179 th life lost to violent crime in 2023 in Kansas City, Missouri. It ties the record for Kansas City's deadliest year ever. A medical examiner told KSMO once they are able to confirm the woman's pregnancy that would mark the 180 th homicide, setting the record for the deadliest year in the city's history.	Dec. 28, 2023	7 a.m.	:58

Community & Charity Concerns (October 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Traffic woes Beyonce	Oct. 2, 2023	7 a.m.	:34
Troubles brewed at the Truman Sports Complex Sunday night as some of the major interstates backed up due to traffic associated with the Beyonce concert. Her show didn't begin until at least 10 p.m., hours after she was originally supposed to be starting her performance. The Royals had a game wrapping up at roughly the same time as the gates opened for the concert.			
Mack Trucks strike	Oct. 9, 2023	7 a.m.	:27
The United Auto Workers strike is expanding, KSMO reports. Anchor Julia Avery says the strike is going further after workers at Mack Trucks were set to begin picketing on Monday morning. The expanded strike comes after UAW president Shawn Fain says 73 percent of workers voted against the deal, which included a 19-percent pay raise. KSMO reports Mack Trucks' parent company, Volvo, says it is committed to finding an agreement.			

Community & Charity Concerns (November 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Prairie Village rezoning KSMO reporter Nathan Brennan recaps the fallout from Tuesday night's election in Prairie Village. In Johnson County, about a quarter of registered voters turned out for the election. A strong turnout for the challengers in Prairie Village happened, meaning those who oppose rezoning for the city were winning the race.	Nov. 8, 2023	7 a.m.	2:15
Wyandotte Co. food insecurity With Thanksgiving just days away, local organizations are trying to make sure everyone has a plate full of food. KSMO reports Harvesters is handing out boxes full of essentials including corn, mac and cheese and chickpeas. The non-profit was teaming up with Wyandotte County to hand out 470 boxes this holiday season.	Nov. 21, 2023	7 a.m.	:34

Community & Charity Concerns (December 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Olathe school start times	Dec. 8, 2023	7 a.m.	:20
KSMO reports Olathe's School Board made official kids will be going to school at a different time next year. The district said it's hoping to ease staffing shortages with a new bell schedule that starts elementary, middle and high schools at different times.			
Gas prices	Dec. 18, 2023	7 a.m.	2:39
KSMO reporter Joe Hennessy was live outside a QuikTrip on Roe Avenue to share gas prices across the metro as people gear up for holiday travel. One gas station on West 75 th and State Line had prices as low as \$2.39 and a BP on Van Brunt had prices just a cent under \$3.			

Health & Medical Concerns (October 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Walgreens Walkout	Oct. 9, 2023	7 a.m.	2:36
KSMO reports after CVS employees walked out on the job, now Walgreens employees are expected to walk off the job over the next several days. At least 32 pharmacists didn't show up for work a couple weeks ago and now 500 Walgreens stores across the country are planning to do the same.			
Cancer nurse shaves head	Oct. 18, 2023	7 a.m.	:48
With Breast Cancer Awareness Month in full swing, one local oncology nurse has been shaving her head to show support for patients experiencing hair loss. KSMO reports Margaret Porter works as a nurse at Advent Health's Cancer Center. She's been shaving her head for 12 years to show her patients they aren't alone during their cancer journey.			

Health & Medical Concerns (November 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Daylight saving mental health	Nov. 3, 2023	7 a.m.	:42
<p>KSMO reports most Americans will have their clock “fall back” on Sunday, meaning it will get darker earlier. As a result, losing that light can hurt your mental health, KSMO reports. According to a new survey, one in five Americans said they’re negatively impacted by the change in time with two-thirds of adults saying they notice at least one behavioral change as a result.</p>			
RSV and Thanksgiving	Nov. 20, 2023	7 a.m.	2:42
<p>KSMO reporter Joe Hennessy tells us the CDC says people infected with RSV will usually show symptoms within 4-6 days of being infected. Some of those symptoms include runny nose, decrease in appetite, fever, sneezing and wheezing. Hennessy shares multiple ways you can remain safe from RSV day-to-day.</p>			

Health & Medical Concerns (December 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
CVS prescriptions KSMO anchor Carolina Cruz reports CVS is changing the way it prices its drugs and it could impact how much customers pay. The pharmacy is planning a pricing formula that includes the cost of the drug, a set markup and a fee. CVS said the approach will be simpler and more transparent.	Dec. 6, 2023	7 a.m.	:25
Abortion homicide bill KSMO reporter Joe Hennessy was in studio to share how one Missouri lawmaker is withdrawing a bill charging women with homicide for having an abortion. Governor Mike Parson said the bill is not in the best interest of Missourians and anti-abortion groups say lawmakers should prioritize other alternatives for expecting mothers.	Dec. 14, 2023	7 a.m.	1:20

Political & Governmental Concerns (October 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Wyandotte mayors unite	Oct. 11, 2023	7 a.m.	:25
<p>The three mayors who make up Wyandotte County's unified government will all stand side-by-side this morning, KSMO reports. KCK Mayor Tyrone Garner, Edwardsville Mayor Carolyn Caiharr and Bonner Springs Mayor Jeff Harrington will hold a conference at KCK City Hall. KSMO says it's to "proactively engage in community concerns."</p>			
Biden makes case for aid	Oct. 20, 2023	7 a.m.	:30
<p>President Joe Biden in a passionate speech from the Oval Office called on Americans to send support to its allies. "We can't let petty partisan, angry politics get in the way of our responsibilities as a great nation," Biden said in his address. The comments came after recent attacks on Israel by Hamas.</p>			

Political & Governmental Concerns (November 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Biden Xi meeting	Nov. 15, 2023	7 a.m.	:30
President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping will hold a rare meeting today, KSMO reports. Sources said both administrations are close to striking a deal to crack down on fentanyl as Biden hopes to smooth out ties with China.			
MO AG vs. LGBTQ rule	Nov. 30, 2023	7 a.m.	:19
KSMO reports Missouri's Attorney General is pushing back against a federal rule to help LGBTQ kids in foster care. The bill requires agencies to place trans kids with parents who promote the gender identity, but Andrew Bailey says it's unconditional. Bailey argues the Supreme Court has rejected attempts to exclude parents based on religious beliefs.			

Political & Governmental Concerns (December 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
KCK State of the Union	Dec. 5, 2023	7 a.m.	2:00
KSMO reporter Nathan Brennan is in Kansas City, Kansas, to cover the KCK State of the Union address from Mayor Tyrone Garner. It comes just over a month after Garner blasted the city on Facebook while warning of possible bankruptcy. Brennan reports it's no secret the Unified Government of KCK and Wyandotte County has had it's fair share of issues, and perhaps no one has been more vocal about that than Garner.			
Jackson County tax assessments	Dec. 29, 2023	7 a.m.	2:56
KSMO reporter Nathan Brennan says the clock is ticking to get to the Jackson County Courthouse and pay your taxes online. Brennan said many people had to come to the courthouse and were turned away as people attempted to sort out their taxes before the end of the year. For those making changes or updating vehicle declarations, those who need to do it in person have their last chances on Friday.			