



KSMO (Kansas City)
Issues/Program Report
3rd 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.

3rd Quarter Special Programming Notes

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

Officer Oswald Parade of Blue Aug. 12, 2023 7:30-9 p.m.

On Saturday, August 12, 2023, KSMO provided wall-to-wall coverage of the Parade of Blue procession for fallen Fairway Police Department officer Jonah Oswald. Coverage of the event, which went through various Johnson County jurisdictions included multiple anchors in studio as well as reporters in the field. Oswald was killed following a police chase for a stolen vehicle in Lenexa Sunday morning that ended in Mission at a QuikTrip.

3rd 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 (July 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
KC's 100 th homicide	July 5, 2023	7 a.m.	:45
Police investigated the city's 100 th homicide of the year on July 5. KSMO reports it happened at a Shell gas station and took place after an argument inside led to a fatal stabbing. One person was taken into custody. KSMO reports the city is on pace to have a new high for homicides in a single year.			
Execution of Johnny Johnson	July 18, 2023	7 a.m.	1:00
The state of Missouri moved forward with executing a man convicted of kidnapping and killing a 6-year-old girl. A judge denied Johnny Johnson's request to stay his execution. The state of Missouri has executed four people in 2023, KSMO reports. This particular case drew headlines because Johnson's defense argued he was severely mentally ill.			

Crime & Violence Concerns (August 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Haslett update State prosecutors say the woman whose body was found in the Missouri River was inside Timothy Haslett's home. During a bond hearing, prosecutors showed evidence that Jaynie Crosdale was in Haslett's home before the man was arrested in 2022.	August 8, 2023	7 a.m.	:40
Fairway officer suspects in court The only suspect who survived Sunday morning's police chase and shootout at a QuikTrip appeared in court on Monday, Aug. 8, 2023. 32-year-old Andrea Cothran didn't show any emotion as the judge read charges of aggravated assault, reckless fleeing, felony theft and reckless driving. Cothran's charges came after a police chase that left Fairway Police Department officer Jonah Oswald dead at the age of 29.	August 9, 2023	7 a.m.	2:41

Crime & Violence Concerns (September 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Ybarra Hendricks trial KSMO reports the couple convicted of murdering a woman and burying her body on the property of their Grain Valley home will be sentenced. Michael Hendricks and Maggie Ybarra were both found guilty of murder in July.	September 12, 2023	7 a.m.	:26
Cold cases in KCK KSMO reports the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and Wyandotte County Prosecutor's Office discussed details of their findings from four murders dating back decades. Their cold case unit held a press conference denoting those findings.	September 21, 2023	7 a.m.	1:35

Community & Charity Concerns (July 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Streetcar is down	July 5, 2023	7 a.m.	2:15
<p>The Streetcar in Kansas City malfunctioned for several weeks due to a rail issue. KSMO reports the problem started the evening of July 4 and restricted access to the stars and stripes picnic on the holiday. As the story was still breaking, our morning show had the first live look at the scene of the repair.</p>			
Panasonic plant	July 21, 2023	7 a.m.	1:00
<p>The new Panasonic plant near DeSoto is expected to bring hundreds of jobs with it. But Evergy is now saying the battery plant could mean higher electric bills, as the utility company claims it will need to build new substations and transmission lines.</p>			

Community & Charity Concerns (August 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
First day of school Students at the Olathe School District's Indian Trail Middle School were met at the door by music and cheerleaders. KSMO's Nathan Brennan was there to show off the first day of school festivities.	August 15, 2023	7 a.m.	2:34
Free haircuts for students KSMO reports that kids are getting ready for school with fresh cuts. A local shop provided free hair cuts and free nail painting to local boys and girls as they prep to head back to school.	August 21, 2023	7 a.m.	:32

Community & Charity Concerns (September 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Kansas low lake levels In Kansas, low water levels are impacting Labor Day weekend plans at the lakes. KSMO reports that just outside of Wichita, some boating ramps had to close due to water levels being nearly 5 ½ feet below the normal level at El-Dorado Lake.	September 4, 2023	7 a.m.	:20
Jackson County assessments KSMO reports on the ongoing Jackson County property assessment issues. Our investigation team recently revealed a data error that had 550 homes wrongly assessed at the exact same \$356,270 value.	September 11, 2023	7 a.m.	2:41

Health & Medical Concerns (July 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Bel Vita recall	July 5, 2023	7 a.m.	:22
KSMO says there have been three unconfirmed reports of allergic reactions to Bel Vita products. The recall includes dark chocolate crème and cinnamon brown sugar with vanilla crème with “use by” dates up to and including Feb. 25, 2024.			
Heat in cars	July 27, 2023	7 a.m.	1:15
Heat indices in the Kansas City area reached triple digits for several days in a row. We aired a report on how the uptick in temps also translates to an increased wear and tear on cars, whether that is for the A/C system or the interior of the vehicle. Mechanics talked to KSMO about how to avoid these trips to the auto shop so you don't have to go to the hospital.			

Health & Medical Concerns (August 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Extreme heat running KSMO reports powerful heat waves this summer are impacting runners. Some runners are trying to adapt how and when they run, including marathon runners – who experts say should run in higher temps to adjust their bodies for their big race.	August 4, 2023	7 a.m.	:47
Gender-affirming care KSMO reports parents are already speaking up about a trans care ban in effect in Missouri. The ban prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from beginning gender-affirming treatment.	August 29, 2023	7 a.m.	:39

Health & Medical Concerns (September 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
West Nile Virus KSMO reports Kansas is at high risk of a deadly virus being transmitted by mosquitos. The Kansas Department of Health said three people have already been killed from the West Nile Virus.	September 14, 2023	7 a.m.	:15
THC gummies KSMO reports that Kansas police are warning of drugs being easily disguised as candy. St. Mary's police have said they are confiscating THC-infused gummies that look like airheads, raising concerns just over a month out from Halloween.	September 20, 2023	7 a.m.	:32

Political & Governmental Concerns (July 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Jackson County property taxes	July 11, 2023	7 a.m.	1:15
The county legislature wants to throw out the current property tax assessment. Legislators have supported the idea of throwing the active assessment out and starting over. KSMO reports the issue continues to be a story several months later and has resulted in multiple lawsuits being filed by cities in the county.			
Future of Chiefs stadium	July 24, 2023	7 a.m.	1:30
The Kansas City Chiefs are looking at options for how they will renovate or repurpose the Truman Sports Complex. With their county lease ending in eight years and their tax revenue from Jackson County being a joint effort with the Royals, a potential new stadium venture for the Chiefs' neighbors will impact what owner Clark Hunt and his organization do.			

Political & Governmental Concerns (August 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
KC inauguration	August 1, 2023	7 a.m.	2:20
Kansas City leaders were sworn into office on Tuesday at Illus Davis Park. Before the event, KSMO reporter Nathan Brennan was live at the park previewing the event which was set to inaugurate multiple new council members and continue the second term for Mayor Quinton Lucas.			
MO tax-free weekend	August 3, 2023	7 a.m.	2:33
Reporter Joe Hennessy explains how Missouri families can benefit from tax-free weekend. Hennessy reports that lawmakers passed a bill making exemptions from all local sales taxes before the school year starts in a few weeks, something families may take advantage of with back-to-school shopping.			

Political & Governmental Concerns (September 2023)

Title	Date Aired	Newscast	Duration
Clayco 911 funding KSMO reports Clay County residents may have a few fee on their cell phone bill. Voters will soon decide if they need to pay an extra dollar each month to fund their 911 line. The county typically charges landlines, but there aren't enough of those anymore to cover a \$1.1 million bill that'll be on the ballot in November.	September 8, 2023	7 a.m.	:20
Municipal courts closed KSMO reporter Nathan Brennan says security issues with multiple local municipal courts – including the court in downtown Kansas City – forced a shutdown, causing unrest and disruption for some locals.	September 13, 2023	7 a.m.	2:27