

### **THIRD QUARTER 2022, QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST**

#### **Radio Station WJSE-FM, North Cape May, NJ**

##### **Issue:**

Municipal and Law Enforcement Response to unsanctioned H2Oi car rally in Wildwood

##### **Discussion Of Issue:**

On the weekend of September 24 and 25 2022, a group of car enthusiasts converged on the local town of Wildwood also neighboring communities, notably Middle Township. The group identified themselves on social media as H2Oi and H2O2022 but never applied for any official permit to host an event. While local police were aware of the group's past behavior in Ocean City Maryland, local authorities had no way of knowing how many of these motorists would arrive on this weekend, which also had officially approved events planned, such as an Irish festival in North Wildwood as well as a classic car show in Wildwood. It is believed 1000 to 1500 vehicles arrived, along with rowdy crowds that outnumbered the police. Soon the streets filled with people as cars broke traffic laws, racing and spinning in "donut" patterns. Tragically, two people died from one vehicle crashing into a parked car striking a pedestrian, another tragic accident occurred when a speeding H2Oi car struck a low-speed vehicle carrying a family. The community demanded answers on how this unsanctioned event was handled.

##### **Programming:**

Before the weekend, WJSE shared the Wildwood Police Department's press release that unlawful activity would not be tolerated. We used our platforms on social media to help spread the word when the municipality closed the George Redding bridge, the main artery into Wildwood during the height of the incident, and we invited the mayor to discuss actions taken by the city of Wildwood officials as well as the city police, New Jersey State Police and assisting officers from nearby towns to bring order back to the streets of Wildwood.

##### **a. Special Report, Monday September 26 2022 from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**

Wildwood Mayor Pete Byron discussed the actions he made which included calling New Jersey State Governor Phil Murphy to get assistance from the New Jersey State Police. The Governor also authorized immediate assistance from the departments of other communities, including Atlantic City, Ocean City (NJ), Middle and Lower Townships, along with neighboring North Wildwood to assist in breaking up the illegal activity. Also discussed were ideas the local government would consider should this group attempt to revisit. This interview was also posted on our website.

##### **Issue:**

Honoring and remembering those lost on September 11, 2001.

**Discussion of Issue:**

It has been 21 years since the terrorist attacks on our nation. While some remember like it happened yesterday, others in our audience were not even born when this tragedy occurred. We feel it is important to never forget, and also help educate those who did not know much about that day. In addition to the many lives lost by first responders, many who responded to the emergency are facing long-term effects from the devastation at Ground Zero. We can never forget the loss and sacrifices many had made that day.

**Programming:**

WJSE presented an audio reflection that reflects the emotions we all felt that day and the years afterward. We also broadcast from an event that honored the first responders while raising funds for the surviving families.

**a. 9/11 Reflection, Sunday September 11 2022 8:45 a.m. to 9:12 a.m.**

The reflection began with a moment of silence at 8:46 am to remember those we've lost. Following was a collection of songs and news soundbites that reflect the emotions our country experienced. We also informed listeners where they can attend September 11th ceremonies in their communities.

**b. 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb promotion, Friday September 16 2022 from 7:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.**

Jim Grauel, The captain of Wildwood's Fire Department and Tom Messer, a former lieutenant of the NYPD who was there at the World Trade Center that day joined us to promote an event the following weekend to raise money for first responders still experiencing ailments and for the surviving families of those we've lost. This was the sixth year for the event, nearly 100 participants took part.

**c. 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Broadcast, Sunday September 18 2022 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

The event, which occurs at Sandman Towers in Wildwood on the weekend of the annual New Jersey Firemen's Convention, honors those first responders lost by having participants travel up and down the ten-story building eleven times, equalling the 110-stories of the World Trade Center which NYFD and others climbed to rescue those trapped in the building. Pledges raised by the climbers went to the Tunnels To Towers Foundation, which assists families and survivors of these first responders. Our broadcast featured Mr Grauel and Mr Messer, as well as other community leaders to promote the event and an after party to raise money for the foundation.

**Issue:**

Supporting our firefighters.

**Discussion of Issue:**

Many of the fire companies in our area are staffed by volunteers who normally host fundraising efforts

for equipment needs. WJSE supports the brave firefighters in their efforts by promoting their events to fund raise.

**c. New Jersey BBQ Championship and Angelsea Blues Broadcast, Saturday July 9 2022 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

The event is the largest annual fundraiser to the Anglesea Volunteer fire department. We had Paul DeFilipo of the fire company in to promote the BBQ Fest and the live music, then did a broadcast from the event where he and other community leaders, musicians and more helped bring more activity to the fundraiser.

**Issue:**

How are local law enforcement serving our communities?

**Discussion of Issue:**

Law enforcement and police departments in our region encourage an ongoing dialogue between residents and police to discuss issues and concerns in our communities.

**Programming:**

Coastal Broadcasting provided coverage of National Night Out events in our area.

**a. Middle Township National Night Out, Tuesday August 2nd 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm.**

Host Mark Hunter broadcast on location at Davies Sports Complex in Goshen and handed out giveaways from the police-sponsored event where Middle Township police Chief Chris Leusner and Middle Township Mayor Tim Donohue were interviewed. Middle Township resident and Miss New Jersey Augustina Mallous also made an appearance at the event.

**b. North Wildwood National Night Out, Tuesday August 2nd 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm.**

Host James Maschio broadcast on location at North Wildwood's event, handing out giveaways and candy. North Wildwood officials were given airtime to promote the event.

**c. Wildwood National Night Out, Tuesday August 2nd 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm.**

This event, held at Fox Park in Wildwood, featured Alex Maschio where that town's officials were on hand to speak of the importance of the community interacting with police.

**Issue:**

Who are the best candidates running for local government?

**Discussion of Issue:**

This year's election season features early-in person voting at county library locations nine days preceding Election Day in addition to mail-in voting options. There are local contests, elections at the county and state level, and a Congressional race to consider. As early votes will be cast, Regional Media felt it important to provide each candidate in local and state races the opportunity to inform us on their positions on important local issues before voters mail their ballots.

**Programming:**

WJSE presented "Meet The Candidates", where every candidate running for local office was given the opportunity to respond to issues. The segments aired over the course of a week and a half to better inform our listeners on the voting choices they have. The segments were also posted on our website.

**a. Meet The Candidates, September 21 through September 30th 2022, 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. hours**

Thirteen candidates were interviewed in segments approximately 5 minutes in length, aired during the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. for a total of approximately 65 minutes total content. Interviews

**included:**

House of Representatives candidate, NJ Second Legislative District - Michael Gallo (Libertarian)

Cape May County Board Of Commissioners - Marie Hayes (R - incumbent)

Cape May County Board Of Commissioners - Andrew Bulakowski (R - appointed to finish term, seeking re-election)

Cape May County Board Of Commissioners - Julia Hankerson (D - challenger)

Middle Township Committee - James Norris (R-Incumbent)

Middle Township Committee - Melisha Anderson (D - challenger)

Lower Township Council Ward 3 - Roland Roy

Cape May City Council (structured in nonpartisan manner, top vote candidates receive seats)

Running for full 4-year term: Lorraine Baldwin, Chuck Lear, Maureen McDade, Shane Meier

Running for 2-year unexpired term created by exit of Chris Bezair from Council: Patricia Hendricks, Michael Yeager

All candidates in contested races were contacted for the opportunity to be interviewed for a segment.

**b. 1-minute Recorded Announcements, throughout 3rd Quarter 2022, various times.**

We produced and broadcast 60-second announcements for The Cape May County Board Of Elections explaining how to vote in-person up to nine days before Election Day at County library branches.

**WJSE supports various community charitable efforts. We encourage public service announcements through our broadcast, website and social-media platforms. These public service announcements are prerecorded or read by air personalities throughout the broadcast day.**