

WFIR AM/FM 4th Quarter 2023

Roanoke, Virginia

ISSUE	WFIR ROANOKE Q3 2023 RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING	DATE/TIME/DURATION
1. Crime/Public Safety / Gun Violence	Multiple reports on Roanoke City Council meetings about gun violence as well as the city's Gun Violence Prevention Commission. The arrival of Roanoke's new police chief and his focus on reducing violent crime. Continue coverage of remembrance events, gun violence, and the ceasefire initiative.	10/1/23 – 12/31/23 200 minutes
2. Wildfires	Our part of Virginia suffered far more wildfires than during an average year. The most noteworthy being the Matt's Creek Wildfire in Bedford County. There were also fires in other areas surrounding the Roanoke Valley.	10/1/23 – 12/31/23 140 minutes
3. Election Year	Virginia has an election every year. In Q4 we covered all the last minute breaking news and headlines leading up to the early November election. We covered polls, poll results, turnout, interviewed candidates, and talked to political experts.	10/1/23 – 12/31/23 110 minutes
4. Israel-Hamas	As the middle east erupted in war, we had coverage of the Israel-Hamas war including local protests, interviews with lawmakers, and several interviews with politicians having differing opinions about funding for Israel.	10/1/23 – 12/31/23 160 minutes
5. Skill Games	Skill Games have been a hot button issue that's going before the 2024 General Assembly. Skill Games are those gray machines that seem like slot machines but are found in convenience stores and restaurants. They were made illegal this year – with many protesting to bring them back, while casinos and affiliated parties claim the Skill Games are predatory but their machines are not.	10/1/23 – 12/31/23 92 minutes