

WIBG-FM ISSUES & PROGRAM LISTS
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Under new ownership, WIBG-FM 1020 launched its primary items of public importance to include inquiries from listeners via phone and via email . These items high light the significant issues that listeners have responded to . The Issues Programs are aired, weekdays and weekend between 6am and 9pm, with the program lengths varying from 2.5 minutes to 5 minutes. January 5, 3.5 minutes Subject: Atlantic City Schools transparency issues on the school board. Many objectors from the audience suggest that a deep review of how the school system hires its professional staff. Guest includes John Devlin, former school board member and critic. Others on the pro side of the debate include LaQuetta Small, Superintendent. This three part series aired January 6th, 8th and 12th Drug abuse and record numbers of arrests in Wildwood, was the issue that listeners want additional scrutiny. The program length on Part 1 of this 3 part series featured Police Chief James Sarkos discussing actions being taken to help find and arrest criminals. Chief Robert Ragabulto in Wildwood, fielded questions from emailers on this 4 minute segment.

January 23rd, 24th & 25th ' WIBG-FM aired a three part series on casino smoking and the impact it has on business and the Atlantic City economy. Respondants included Mayor Marty Small, NAACP President Kaleem Shabazz, The programs are 3.5, 3.2 and 4.3 minutes in length and aired at 6:45am .

January 25th and 27th , WIBG-FM provided Issues programs coverage on the unrelenting war on drugs in Somers Point and Hamilton Township. The Issue was raised following our indepth coverage of the growing fentanyl crisis in Atlantic County. Featured guests on this three part series which aired on the above date at 8:45pm. Listeners responding to their concerns and Hamilton Townships Business Administrator addressed concerns and police response. Program lengths were 2:22, 3:13 and 4:22.

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Transit and traffic issues in Galloway and Absecon lead this months Issues Programs subjects. Continued pedestrian fatalities on the Black Horse Pike, Route 30 and surrounding locales face an ever increasing threat to life and limb because of people jumping over center barriers on these busy roadways. WIBG-FM presented a three part series which aired February 9th 10th and 11th with guests Galloway Mayor Tony Coppolla and Absecon Council members looking for answers. They answered the many questions posed by our listeners on the importance of obeying pedestrian walkways.

Too many people have skipped over the barriers and struck by oncoming traffic. A number of remedies were outlined in our Issues reports. Program lengths were 2:23, 3:12 and 4:15 aired at 8:45pm. February 14th-15th and 16th, WIBG-FM Issues Program addressed the need for before and after school programs in the Wildwoods. Guests included Wildwood Mayor Ernest Troiano and Atlantic City Chief of Staff Ernest Coursey answering questions by our listeners. Solutions included expanded budget for the before and after school programs.

February 21st and 22nd WIBG-FM two part investigation report on home grown terrorism and what listeners can do to increase their safety. Cape May County Office of Emergency Management Chief Marty Paluighi addressed what his hometown community of Avalon is doing to help residents remain safe, A series of 10 different questions were addressed. Program lengths on these dates were 3:12, and 3:24. February 26th-17th & 28th, WIBG-FM Issues Programs featured full spectrum investigative report on substantial loss of income because of Federal cutbacks, as instead the President authorized using much of the funding to assist illegal aliens. Many listeners voiced their frustration over this poor judgement call of the White House. Guests included Congressman Jeff Van Drew, representing our community of license municipalities. Program lengths varied from 3:13 to 5:05. WIBG-FM fielded many questions from the listeners via email. February 27th Issues programs highlighting new ACCC college working with leading universities on fulltime BA and BS Program offerings. College President Barbara Gaba addressed this new educational service.

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March 7th-8th & 9th WIBG-FM provided full spectrum coverage of the Jewish reaction in Margate and Linwood to the Hamas War in Israel. Many conservative Jews in the area spoke glowingly of how the Israeli government is responding to this unprovoked war. Local reaction in the Jewish community says Israel must maintain diligence to protect the rights of its citizens. This three part series runtime was 2:15, 3:15 and 4:17. WWAC featured its guest speaker Rabbi Aaron Krause, and fielded listeners questions. March 12th-13th & 14th WIBG-FM report addressed the growing concern about the homeless in Vineland and Atlantic City. Program lengths were 3:33, 2:43 and 5:05. The Issues program was culled by a WIBG-FM Listener survey of what should be done to lower the number of homeless coming to these cities, Special Guests included AC Councilman George Tibbitt and Vineland Mayor Anthony Fanucci. March 19th-20th & 21st, WIBG-FM Issues Programming highlighted the need for far more critical service for veterans in South Jersey. The program was hosted by Director of Veterans Affairs Joe Griffes, including an interview with NJ Governor Phil Murphy. Many questions

asked about what the State of NJ is doing to help veterans. Program lengths were 3:33, 2:56 and 5:05

This station aired more than 3 hours of Public Service Announcements for many non profits in Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland Counties.