

2016 Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcasters Association Contest Winners

Washington Metro TV:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

WRC-TV, Washington

Jackie Bensen, BJ Forte, Chester Panzer, Evan Carr, WRC Staff

"Smoke in the Metro"

<http://youtu.be/DhhAZNjBS0Y>

This coverage really felt like breaking news. Each report had new developments as the story unfolded.

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

WJLA-TV, Washington

Jay Korff, Mitch Jacob, Brad Bell, Kevin Lewis, Tom Roussey, Joe DeFeo, Lauren Stauffer, Andrea Nejman

"The Baltimore Riots: A City Under Siege"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wdbtnik5UIQ>

Okay...I am at a loss for words. We are all news people here...so I will be frank. Holy crap. This live coverage. As I was judging, I called other people in our newsroom to come watch this coverage. Great work.

Outstanding News Series

WRC-TV, Washington

Scott MacFarlane, Rick Yarborough, Jon Sonnheim, Evan Carr, Darren Ziegenbein

"They Did What?"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLuvXnmng-U>

Very nice investigating from the news team. This series of stories perfectly exemplifies strong, well-done work all around. From the graphics, to the fact-checking, very nice job on this series of stories.

Outstanding Editorial or Commentary

WRC-TV, Washington

Jim Vance

"Vance's View"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgrw0tPCUok>

Outstanding Public Affairs**WUSA-TV, Washington**

Bruce Johnson, Samara Martin Ewing, Lizaura Rivera-Brown, James Suthard, Dori Olmos, Tom Krogel, Danielle Flanagan, Jeff Keene, April Chunko, Francis Abbey

"Race: An Honest Conversation"

<http://youtu.be/i4xGMa3pWJw>

This was a good way to take the stories about Freddie Gray and other race-driven stories to the forefront. This was a good execution to talk about a subject that is treaded lightly upon because of fear. The town hall had a great intro with interesting sound bites. The anchor leading it also did a good job keeping everyone engaged.

Outstanding Specialty Reporting**WUSA-TV, Washington**

Russ Ptacek, Jeffrey Keene, Erin Van der Bellen

"Ticketing Woes"

http://youtu.be/R7rbe_TDnUE

Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting**WRC-TV, Washington**

Tisha Thompson, Rick Yarborough, Steve Jones, Mike Goldrick

"Serving in Silence: Rape in the National Guard"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iMV0HmOKM>

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/investigations/Serving-in-Silence-National-Guard-Sexual-Assault-300968551.html>

Outstanding Enterprise Reporting**WUSA-TV, Washington**

Russ Ptacek, Jeff Keene, Erin Van der Bellen

"Orange County Arrest"

<http://youtu.be/XWheAZqe8iw>



Outstanding Sports Feature**WUSA-TV, Washington**

Diane Roberts, Jeff Cridland

"Olympic Canoe and Kayakers Train
at Power Plant"<http://youtu.be/OiJ5Z1APYFA>Great nat sound, use of go-pro cameras and storytelling in this
one. Loved it.**Outstanding Feature or Human Interest Story****WJLA-TV, Washington**

Jay Korff, Tim Guidry

"Abby's Sweet Surprise"

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s
p5ERvdTDIU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s
p5ERvdTDIU)

Great story. It was very touching. Tugged at the heartstrings.

Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster**WRC-TV, Washington**

Doug Kammerer

"Storm Team4: Summer Storms"

<http://youtu.be/FVAyPiEkqm4>Meteorologist did a good job of tracking the storm and letting
viewers know what was heading their way. He was urgent in his
delivery but not an alarmist.**Video Journalist/One Man Band Reporter****Voice of America-TV**

Kane Farabaugh

<http://youtu.be/j20mhDOQZNM><http://youtu.be/QqFKNJ14kpA><http://youtu.be/4tWYu1SeeD8>

Multimedia/Online Journalism**WRC-TV, Washington**

Tisha Thompson

"The Flooding Triangle"

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/investigations/The-Flooding-Triangle-Some-of-DCs-Iconic-Buildings-at-Risk-in-100-Year-Flood-319516841.html>

Loved the interactive map!

Best Reporter**WJLA-TV, Washington**

Jay Korff

"That's Jay Korff With 2 F's"

<http://youtu.be/AVCpokxQT1E>

Outstanding Website**WRC-TV, Washington**

Wendy Warren, Mike Goldrick, NBC4 Staff

"nbcwashington.com"

The website provided very comprehensive coverage on the Pope's visit. The special package on flooding in the Federal Triangle was extremely interesting and informative.

Outstanding Newscast**WUSA-TV, Washington**

Cris Mullen, Jay Mishkin, Scott

Rubens, Lesli Foster, Adam Longo,

Topper Shutt, Dave Owens

"WUSA9 News at 5pm: November 5, 2015"

<http://youtu.be/51kBrq9oAYo>

Great stacking, reporting and content. Very deserving!



Outstanding News Operation**WJLA-TV, Washington**

Mitch Jacob, Joe DeFeo, Gregg Micklos, Holly Shannon, Kelly Lamp, Lauren Stauffer, Shon Hawkins, Dan Mellon

"WJLA-TV, Washington"

<http://youtu.be/uSbexAd9NZQ>

"Exemplary storytelling" describes this entry perfectly. It's storytelling that makes a place as diverse and "bigger than life" as Washington, D.C., seem understandable. It shows real people living and aspiring. It hinges on expert writing, videography, editing, and presentation. This entry shows those traits throughout. Very high standards of the video storytelling craft float WJLA's entry above the competitors.

Baltimore-Wilmington Metro TV:**Outstanding Spot News Reporting****WBFF-TV, Baltimore**

Joy Lepola

"City Under Attack"

<http://youtu.be/E9bhcVczBeU>

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story**WBAL-TV, Baltimore**

11 Newsroom

"Baltimore Riots: The First 24 Hours"

<http://www.wbaltv.com/tv/about/baltimore-riots-the-first-24-hours/37676166>

The thread that keeps communities civil can be thin. Continuous live coverage of heartbreaking scenes of rioting, arson and looting tests the emotions of reporters and anchors. Throughout this entry, we see and hear WBAL's news department serving viewers with strong images, clear explanation, and professional demeanor. The judges commend WBAL for using its people and tools to provide context, compassion and reassurance as well as live pictures and play-by-play of the disturbing events being covered.

Outstanding News Series**WJZ-TV, Baltimore**

Christie Iletto

"Series of Freddie Gray's Arrest,
Death, Protest, Riots"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yu6wsbSCqJU>

This is an excellent example of doing whatever it takes to bring the story to the viewers. She put herself and her crew in harm's way at times, and definitely in many situations where she had no idea what was going to happen. If I was a viewer in that market, she is the one I would trust with any developments in the Freddie Gray case. Excellent job!

Outstanding Photography**WBFF-TV, Baltimore**

Ben Worsley

"Ben Worsley Photography"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbGO4eC08kU>

Ben did a great job of capturing the moment in every situation he was put in. He found a way to great creative angles, variety of shots, and nice use of nat sound. Great job! A real credit to your craft.

Outstanding Public Affairs**WBAL-TV, Baltimore**

Jason Newton, Stacey Woodward,
Denise Rogers

"11 TV Hill: Officer Porter Trial
Preview"

<http://www.wbaltv.com/tv/about/11-tv-hill-officer-porter-trial-preview/37676362>

This show did a great job of getting everyone ready for the trial of this police officer, in a story that gripped the entire city, if not the entire country. It had many different elements, both on tape and in studio. Nice Job!

Outstanding Specialty Reporting**WJZ-TV, Baltimore**

Michael Hellgren

"Education: Autism Abuse"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQ3TX6pKKe8&feature=youtu.be>

Holding the powerful accountable. Great work by WJZ!



Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting**WBAL-TV, Baltimore**

Jayne Miller, Tim Tunison

"Freddie Gray Investigation"

<http://www.wbaltv.com/tv/about/fred-die-gray-investigation/37676210>**Outstanding Enterprise Reporting****WBFF-TV, Baltimore**

Jeff Abell, Brian Johnson

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

<http://vimeo.com/129813222>

Great use of nat sound, storytelling, story characters, and creativity! I've never watched a package like this, but definitely had me hooked and the people who watched with me. I loved the last line to wrap the package also! Superb job!

Outstanding Sports Feature**WBFF-TV, Baltimore**

Kathleen Cairns, Brian Johnson

"Senior Softball"

<http://vimeo.com/138108133>

What a story! This had great writing, unique camera shots and angles, as well as wonderful characters to profile. You really brought this story alive! Great job!

Outstanding Feature or Human Interest Story**WBFF-TV, Baltimore**

Paul Gessler, Brian Johnson

"Abu the Flutemaker"

<http://vimeo.com/151446834>

Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster**WBFF-TV, Baltimore**

Jonathan Myers

"Analyzing Hurricane Joaquin & Its
Effects on Baltimore"

<http://youtu.be/Ds8vzbu3d1Y>**Video Journalist/One Man Band Reporter****WBFF-TV, Baltimore**

Paul Gessler

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJE-zJSac6I&feature=youtu.be>

Best Reporter**WBFF-TV, Baltimore**

Kathleen Cairns

<http://vimeo.com/158038245/f75c8b6701>

Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports**WBFF-TV, Baltimore**

Bruce Cunningham, Paul Strzegowski,
Morgan Adsit, Jed Gamber

"Fox45 Sports"

<http://youtu.be/a3pWU8WH4cU>

Fox 45 proves there is more to sports reporting than just scores & highlights! They nail it -- by focusing on real people, real stories. They make the non-sports fan *care* about sports.

Outstanding Website**WBAL-TV, Baltimore**

WBALTV.com Team

"WBALTV.com"

This website is excellent. Everything is right there, easy to find and easy to navigate. Coverage of the Freddie Gray case was great. I really like how all the information was right there in a single story, almost like in a blog form. Nice job!

Outstanding Newscast**WBFF-TV, Baltimore**

Christopher Berinato

"Fox45 News at Ten - July 8, 2015"

http://youtu.be/rZSuq_TZenc

This entry had complete coverage of the breaking news of that day, the firing of the Baltimore police chief. The pacing with breakout elements between live reports made the coverage feel and look big. The added touch of social media allowed viewers to contribute to the coverage.

Outstanding News Operation**WBFF-TV, Baltimore**

Staff

"Fox45 NEWS"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqDObECiwUY>

This entry shows that Fox 45 can not only be counted on to be there for the big stories, covering them live as they're happening no matter where they're happening, it also shows they can tell the human stories that touch people's hearts. Fox 45 also goes the extra mile with special programming no one else in the market is doing. Congratulations on being the Outstanding News Operation!

Non Metro TV:**Outstanding Spot News Reporting****WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Tyler Butler

"A Mile Long Path of Destruction"

<http://www.w boc.com/story/2953980/3/police-truck-carrying-jet-skis-strikes-multiple-vehicles-including-police-car>

Great job of realizing something was going on during the council meeting, finding out what it was, then carrying it through to the end. It was great to see all the dark shots of the damage, and hearing from all the victims. Nice job.

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story**WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Emily Lampa, Julian Sadur, Allen Vickers, Jamale Stevenson

"Pocomoke Police Controversy"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntyPr-5KC8g>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcQMEEYNJDA>

I can't even imagine how much coverage you gave this story that you couldn't include because of time constraints. Excellent job of covering all the angles, and digging for answers even when they weren't easy to find.

Outstanding News Series**WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Emily Lampa, Allen Vickers

"Life After Death"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSaN8_FCvDc

If the tears don't come to your eyes from those stories, you're not human. This was a great opportunity to tell this family's tragic story. It was nice to honor the family's wishes not to talk about the murder itself or the upcoming court case, but you didn't need it. This was a rare look inside a victim's family. Excellent job!

Outstanding Photography**WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Jamale Stevenson

"On The Job: Salisbury Sanitation"

<http://youtu.be/rIUfcxX97nk>

The videographer did a nice job of allowing viewers to see reality of high-tech garbage collection. Very good handling of audio editing, and the tricky task of sequencing video of one reporter, one interviewee, and one big new garbage truck was handled very effectively. People at work are interesting!

Outstanding Public Affairs**WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Emily Lampa, Josh Lynch, Mike Lawrence, Allen Vickers, Nick Waligorski

"Tiny Tick: Big Controversy"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srCHI5410FY>

This half-hour gets our highest praise. It shows polished production and sharp, clear writing and storytelling. The data elements are explained with clarity and the graphics are exemplary. This is network-quality investigative storytelling. Anyone living in tick country should see it. Emily Lampa and her team deliver passionate, well-informed, eye-opening reporting. This half-hour was a major service to the viewers.

Outstanding Specialty Reporting**WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Travis Michels, Darryl Baxter

"Weather Wise"

<http://youtu.be/TYd-ScD4g08>

An informative explanation of the history and development of tools that make meteorologists smart can help viewers trust their TV weather people. Travis Michels does a nice job of giving a down-to-earth science lesson on how he gets the data he needs to keep viewers safe.

Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting**WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

David Caldwell, Josh Lynch

"Eastern Shore Dropouts"

<http://youtu.be/FQ9puO8kl0g>

Excellent in-depth coverage of a very important subject. Great use of graphics and your interview subjects were very well-spoken. Congratulations, nice job!

Outstanding Sports Feature**WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Spenser Tilus

"Taking The Field: Michael Harmon"

<http://youtu.be/5KD0I8k4ZAE>

This was a nice story about a kid who has overcome a lot in his life. It was nice to hear from him, and his parents. Nice job.

Outstanding Feature or Human Interest Story**WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Tyler Butler, Mike Smigiel

"Radio Legend Loses Voice, Now Helps Others"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0ttu3OrqmM>

This story is a fine living tribute to a man who made his living with his tongue, but lost it. The reporter does a good job of painting a picture of the community's loss. But he does an even better job of showing the cancer survivor's resolve to keep giving to the community in other ways. Well-written and produced, and a good example why humans find other humans interesting and inspiring.

Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster**WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Travis Michels

<http://youtu.be/FpXZ7gubBnl>

We chose Travis as the winner because he presented a clear and easy-to-understand forecast geared toward what people needed and wanted to know. I like the meteorologist to be on camera presenting the information instead of just being a voice off-screen. Travis did a nice job with his presentation, and his information. Congratulations!

Video Journalist/One Man Band Reporter**WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Tyler Butler

"Hearn Building Collapses in
Downtown Cambridge"

<http://www.wboc.com/story/3037934/6/part-of-hearn-building-collapses-in-cambridge>

This was a great example of how building a network of contacts will pay off in the end. Great job of taking the information from your contacts, running with it, and seeing the story through to the end. You had to be tired by the end of that last live shot, but it was great work. Congratulations!

Best Reporter**WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Evan Koslof

<http://www.evankoslof.com/#!/reel/mainPage>

Evan's work displays smooth conversational writing and presentation. His extemporaneous live work is skilled and shows a lot of promise. His emotional connection in spot news situations is strong. The story on the parole hearing is especially strong. His skill at presenting high quality "day of" work makes him deserving of this award.

Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports**WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Spenser Tilus, Travon Miles, Angela Santoro

"47 ABC Sports"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwcvdCEIsKQ&feature=youtu.be>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KD0I8k4ZAE>

The entry shows a robust interest in local sports.

The story of the childhood cancer survivor kicking his first extra point as a high school football player was nicely written and told. Giving viewers a glimpse of a fun-loving minor league baseball player humanized coverage that too often just turns into names and numbers. There's a sense that WMDT's sports people get out there and do it!

Outstanding Website**WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

Sarah Truitt, Leanne Guyette,
Gregory LaFrance, Phil Comeaux
"47abc.com"

This website had a nice home page, with important items easy to find. It made nice use of pictures and videos. It even had the station's anchors promoting the website in its pre-roll videos. That was a nice touch. Nice job.

Outstanding Newscast**WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

John Dearing, Ron Krisulevicz, Joe Carmean, Steve Hammond, Paul Butler, Dan Satterfield, Emily Stern
"WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md. News at 6"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN6YTbVE8pY>

This entry very much gives off the vibe that it cares a lot about the communities it serves. The church fire story, the horrifying story about Pittsville's water quality, and the story about the shoplifting epidemic in the small community of Georgetown show that "local" news is in fact local at WBOC. The live work in the field is effective, and the live helicopter is used well. The anchoring is polished and credible. The reporting is energetic and creative. WBOC keeps local TV news relevant and useful.

Outstanding News Operation**WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.**

John Dearing, Ron Krisulevicz, Joe Carmean, Steve Hammond
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZ5J-l_y7Fc

This station provides in-depth reporting, special reports on subjects that matter to its audience, and goes above and beyond to reach out to its community and serve them in a number of ways. The combination of all these things is why we chose WBOC as the Outstanding News Operation. Congratulations!

Washington Metro Radio:**Outstanding Spot News Reporting****WNEW-FM, Washington**

WNEW Newsroom
"Baltimore Is Burning"
<http://soundcloud.com/amorriswnew/spot-news-ap>



Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story**WNEW-FM, Washington**

WNEW Newsroom

"Freddie Gray Has Died"

<http://soundcloud.com/amorriswnew/wnew-continuing-coverage-2015-ap-freddie-gray>

Outstanding News Series**WAMU-FM, Washington**

Martin Austermuhle

"Flipped Off: In D.C.'s Thriving Market For Renovated Homes, It's Buyer Beware"

<http://soundcloud.com/user-467526942/wamu-flipped-off-news-series/s-rhqq4>
<http://wamu.org/projects/house-flipping/#/part1>

Outstanding Use of Sound**WMAL-AM, Washington**

Nicole Raz

"Supreme Court Same Sex Marriage Debate"

<http://www.wmal.com/2016/02/29/2016-capba-outstanding-use-of-sound/>

Outstanding Talkshow**WTOP-FM, Washington**

Debra Feinstein, Mark Lewis, Judy

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"Ask The Governor"

<http://soundcloud.com/user7241662/ask-the-governor/s-ffYHc>

Outstanding Editorial or Commentary**WTOP-FM, Washington**

Chris Core

"Core Values"

<http://soundcloud.com/wtop2/commentary-core-values/s-hucVh>

A straight forward and common-sense presentation.

Outstanding Public Affairs**WAMU-FM, Washington**

Ingalisa Schrobsdorff

"Kojo Nnamdi Show: Black Lives Matter Forum"

<http://soundcloud.com/kojo-nnamdi-show/kojo-nnamdi-black-lives-matter-forum>

A thoughtful, yet provocative examination of issues with national implications. Well done and electrifying.

Outstanding Specialty Reporting**WTOP-FM, Washington**

Paula Wolfson

"Paula Wolfson"

<http://soundcloud.com/wtop2/beat-paula-wolfson/s-C7lb0>**Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting****WAMU-FM, Washington**

Kavitha Cardoza

"Breaking Ground: Lower Income, Higher Ed"

<http://soundcloud.com/user-467526942/breaking-ground-lower-income-higher-ed/s-O2Tmw>
<http://breakingground.wamu.org/lower-income-higher-ed/>

Outstanding Enterprise Reporting**WAMU-FM, Washington**

Patrick Madden

"Assault on Justice"

<http://soundcloud.com/user-467526942/assault-on-justice/SpScm><http://wamu.org/projects/assault-on-justice/>**Outstanding Sports Feature****WTOP-FM, Washington**

Andrew Mollenbeck

"Roots of a Legend"

<http://soundcloud.com/wtop-485592101/roots-of-a-legend/s-r1rWE>**Outstanding Feature or Human Interest Story****WAMU-FM, Washington**

Lauren Ober

"Russian LGBT Activists Torn Between Two Worlds"

http://wamu.org/programs/metro_connection/15/09/11/activist_brings_a_vision_of_lgbt_equality_to_russia**Multimedia/Online Journalism****WTOP-FM, Washington**

Marcus Moore, Andrew Mollenbeck

"Tent City"

<http://wtop.com/dc/2015/08/tent-city-inside-d-c-s-homeless-camps/slide/1/>



Best Reporter

WNEW-FM, Washington

Cameron Thompson

<http://soundcloud.com/cameron-thompson-2/cameron-thompson-best-reporter>

Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports

WTOP-FM, Washington

Solid sports presentation

WTOP Staff

"WTOP Sports"

<http://soundcloud.com/user7241662/wtop-outstanding-local-sports/s-5Bo76> v

Outstanding Website

WTOP-FM, Washington

WTOP.com Staff

"WTOP.com"

Outstanding Newscast

WTOP-FM, Washington

WTOP Staff

"November 5th, 2015 6pm"

<http://soundcloud.com/user7241662/newscast-11-5-15-6-pm/s-mSlgh>

Outstanding News Operation

WNEW-FM, Washington

WNEW Newsroom

"WNEW Outstanding News Operation"

<http://soundcloud.com/user-601299528/wnew-overall-excellence-2015-capba-entry>

Baltimore-Wilmington Metro Radio:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

WBAL Newsradio 1090 Staff

"Baltimore Unrest"

<http://soundcloud.com/wbalradio/outstanding-spot-news-april-27-2015-riots/s-tSL4d>

Great use of live reporters on the scene, in several locations throughout Baltimore. That really helped bring the action to WBAL's listeners.

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

WBAL Newsradio 1090 Staff

"The Events Surrounding Freddie Gray"

<http://soundcloud.com/wbalradio/outstanding-coverage-of-continuing-story-freddy-gray/s-Glpjj>

Great coverage of all aspects of the Freddie Gray story, from the arrest to the funeral, the protests and charges filed.

Outstanding News Series

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

John Lee

"Blood on the Highway"

<http://news.wypr.org/post/blood-highway-fatal-pedestrian-crashes-stay-stubbornly-high-maryland#stream/0>
<http://news.wypr.org/post/blood-highway-ocean-city-gets-fatal-pedestrian-accidents-down-zero#stream/0>

Great series on a topic that is very important but often overlooked.

Outstanding Use of Sound

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Mary Rose Madden

"On The Day After, Baltimoreans Shine"

<http://news.wypr.org/post/day-after-baltimoreans-shine#stream/0>

Great use of sound. I could visualize what was happening. This is a case of a "sound being worth a thousand pictures."

Outstanding Talkshow

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Rick Jensen

"The Rick Jensen Show"

<http://www.wdel.com/features/Awards/2015TALKJensen081115.mp3>

Nice, informed delivery. Unlike many talk show hosts, he makes it feel like we are having a conversation, and not someone lecturing to us. Good use of facts and questions to get listeners thinking, and to pull them into the conversation

Outstanding Editorial or Commentary

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Fraser Smith

"A Shattered City and a Search for Justice"

<http://news.wypr.org/post/smith-states-attorney-marilyn-mosby>
<http://news.wypr.org/post/smith-broom-crews-shouldnt-stop-freddie-gray>

Stations rarely produce commentaries today, yet they have a responsibility to serve as not just the conveyors of news, but analysts as well. WYPR's commentaries tackle some hot button issues in a conversational way, and are not afraid to take what might not be the popular view. More stations should follow WYPR's role as a leader in fostering conversation about community issues!

Outstanding Public Affairs

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Robert Lang

"A Jury Speaks" A Special Edition of Maryland's News This Week With Robert Lang

<http://soundcloud.com/wbalradio/outstanding-public-affairs-marylands-news-this-week-a-jury-speaks/s-HUNAg>

Great production, network quality writing, and compelling delivery. This station's recap of a huge local story which was also a national story is extremely well done, and anchoring it live from downtown was a nice crowning touch. Congratulations, and a AP Award goes to the WBAL team!



Outstanding Specialty Reporting**WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.**

Amy Cherry

"WDEL's Delaware EducationWatch"

<http://www.wdel.com/features/Awards/2015EdWatch.mp3>

Great use of NAT sound/music to tell the stories. Sometimes it's hard to get kids to tell their stories, but this reporter did a great job of having the students open up.

Outstanding Documentary/ In-Depth Reporting**WYPR-FM, Baltimore**

Mary Rose Madden

"On the Watch: Fixing the Fractured Relationship Between Baltimore's Police and Its Communities"

<http://news.wypr.org/post/freddie-gray-protests-continue-revealing-layers-mistrust#stream/0><http://news.wypr.org/post/watch-part-4-trying-build-trust-guarded-police-department#stream/0>

Wow! Compelling storytelling, great use of sound. This reporter puts us right in the middle of the action. It feels dangerous to be there...but this is news reporting at its best!

Outstanding Enterprise Reporting**WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.**

Amy Cherry, Tom Lehman

"City Council Overdue Taxes"

<http://www.wdel.com/features/Awards/2015counciltaxes.mp3><http://www.wdel.com/story/66563-wdel-exclusive-wilmington-city-council-president-members-behind-on-taxes>

This is a great enterprise story that holds a politician accountable to the taxpayers.

Outstanding Feature or Human Interest Story

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Amy Cherry

"Homeless Hotel Canceled"

<http://www.wdel.com/features/Awards/2015HardNewsHomelessHotel.mp3>

<http://www.wdel.com/story/65291-wdel-exclusive-hotel-du-pont-cancels-reservation-for-homeless-on-christmas>

Great digging on a heartbreaking story about a hotel refusing to honor reservations made for some homeless by a generous man during the holidays. The sound and writing is major league!

Best Reporter

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Amy Cherry

<http://www.wdel.com/features/Awards/CherryBestReporter2015.mp3>

<http://www.wdel.com/story/66563-wdel-exclusive-wilmington-city-council-president-members-behind-on-taxes>

Compelling use of sound, excellent writing, good cutting edge story selection. This reporter also does good work on the web, and is ambitious in adding video interviews to some stories. The hard work is apparent!

Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

WDEL Staff

"WDEL Sports"

<http://www.wdel.com/features/Awards/sports2015.mp3>

Wow! This station's commitment to sports shows. The sports team is conversational, the play-by-play major market, and the writing creative.

Outstanding Website

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"WDEL.com"

WDEL's commitment to news comes through loud and clear through this website. Lots of local content, ample use of pictures, and the ambitious use of video show that the station is making the use of the web a high priority. Much more local content than many major market stations!



Outstanding Newscast**WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.**

WDEL Staff

"Delaware's Morning News"

<http://www.wdel.com/features/Awards/APNewscast070820158am.mp3>

Nice flow. Great use of staff. Nice to hear a newscast with so many "elements" in it.

Outstanding News Operation**WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.**

WDEL Staff

"WDEL"

<http://www.wdel.com/features/Awards/APOverallExcellence.mp3>
<http://www.wdel.com/biden>

It's easy to see why WDEL is first in news in the first state. This station's dedication to news shows in its on-air and online presentations.

Non Metro Radio:**Outstanding Spot News Reporting****WXDE-FM, Milford, Del.**Jon Budler, Joe Irizarry, Kelli Steele,
Mark Fowser"Delmarva Coastal Flooding, and
Approach of Expected Hurricane"<http://tindeck.com/listen/xzrrb>

The team at WXDE provides quick and essential information on the coming storms. Interviews included in the coverage add good context to the story.

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story**WXDE-FM, Milford, Del.**

Joe Irizarry

"Dover Officer Charged With Assault"

<http://tindeck.com/listen/nykjp>

Mr. Irizarry's updates to the story are clear and concise. The trial of the officer is followed closely and accurately, leading to a strong series of stories.

Outstanding Use of Sound**WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.**

Don Rush

"Beer Festival"

<http://delmarvapublicradio.net/post/beer-tasters-enjoyed-saturday-afternoon-craft-beer#stream/0>

Natural sound and actualities set the scene well in this story. The sound allows the listener to become fully immersed in the scene.

Outstanding Talkshow**WNAV-AM, Annapolis, Md.**

Donna Cole

"1430 Connection"

<http://soundcloud.com/wnav-news/1430-connection-annapolis-riverkeepers>

Ms. Cole's program opened up a platform for an important discussion. Her questions led to an interesting conversation that hits on several levels.

Outstanding Editorial or Commentary**WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.**

George Merrill

"Syrian Refugees"

<http://delmarvapublicradio.net/post/essay-paris-attacks-and-statue-liberty>

Mr. Merrill's reflections on the Syrian refugee crisis are both interesting and profound. The comparisons he makes between the current conflict and the original intent of the Statue of Liberty make for an important message many could benefit from hearing.

Outstanding Specialty Reporting**WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.**

Kara Dahl Russell

"The Integrated Orchestra"

<http://delmarvapublicradio.net/post/ap-submissions#stream/0>

Extensive information, varying stories, and strong delivery skills across each entry make this series an incredibly enjoyable set. The information is relayed to the listener in an interesting and easily-understandable way.

Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting**WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.**

Don Rush

"Craft Beer on the Eastern Shore"

<http://delmarvapublicradio.net/post/eastern-shore-beer-old-colonial-times#stream/0><http://delmarvapublicradio.net/post/what-does-it-take-open-your-own-brewpub#stream/0>

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., created a fantastic and interesting series. Natural sound sets the scene perfectly. Multiple interviews give extensive information and add new sides to the story. The delivery across all three presented stories is consistently strong. All in all, it all comes together to create a series that is fun and informative.

Outstanding Enterprise Reporting**WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.**

Don Rush, Charito Calvachi-Mateyko

"Undocumented Entrepreneurs"

<http://delmarvapublicradio.net/post/undocumented-build-businesses-delmarva-part-1#stream/0><http://delmarvapublicradio.net/post/hispanic-entrepreneurs-part-2#stream/0>

The WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., team creates an in-depth look at one side of the undocumented immigrant story many people probably never considered. The extensive interviews and strong delivery make for a set of stories that are truly impressive.

Outstanding Sports Feature**WXDE-FM, Milford, Del.**

Jon Budler

"Delaware1059 Fishing Report"

<http://tindeck.com/listen/fyjfx>

Mr. Budler provides his listeners with stories that are interesting and exciting. His delivery makes for great storytelling.

Outstanding Feature or Human Interest Story**WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.**

Don Rush, Angela Byrd, Matt Forney

"Firefly"

<http://delmarvapublicradio.net/post/firefly-music-festival-makes-history#stream/0>

The scene for this story on a music festival is set very well with natural sound. The excitement of the event, and the efforts organizers and fans made when faced with the poor weather, made for an interesting and well-developed story.

Multimedia/Online Journalism

WNAV-AM, Annapolis, Md.

Finn Neilsen Jr.

"iPhone Mobile Reporting"

<http://vimeo.com/133230656>

<http://vimeo.com/142958143>

The shooting and editing techniques utilized on these examples are impressive. The casual viewer would find it very difficult to notice that the stories were shot from an iPhone. The efforts made are impressive and well-deserving of recognition.

Best Reporter

WNAV-AM, Annapolis, Md.

Finn Neilsen Jr.

<http://soundcloud.com/fknjr/12-22-calver-cliffs-crossing>

<http://vimeo.com/126691762>

Neilsen's range of stories, sharp editing, and strong delivery should be recognized with this award.

Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

Pete MacLeod, Ed Lulie

"2015 Local Sports Coverage"

<http://www.wfmd.com/articles/wfmd-wfre-community-news-475534/wfmd-2015-ap-submissions-14446470/>

WFMD's extensive coverage of sports in their area is impressive, and provides a valuable resource for sports fans and parents in their area.

Outstanding Website

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

WFMD News Team

"WFMD.com"

The WFMD website has a clear and concise layout, is easy to navigate, and has a solid archive of information for visitors to access.

Outstanding Newscast

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

WFMD News Team

"4:05 PM Newscast, July 8, 2015"

<http://www.wfmd.com/articles/wfmd-wfre-community-news-475534/wfmd-2015-ap-submissions-14446470/>



Outstanding News Operation**WNAV-AM, Annapolis, Md.**

WNAV News Department

"Outstanding News Operation 2015"

<http://soundcloud.com/wnav-news/10-14-10am-news><http://soundcloud.com/wnav-news/9-14-talk-with-dave-mandell-annapolis-oem>

WNAV presented a wide range of examples that show how extensive their coverage of the listening area is, and how committed the staff is to providing good content to listeners.

CERTIFICATE FOR OUTSTANDING NEWS PROTECTION OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**WTOP-FM, Washington****WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington****WBAL-TV, Baltimore****WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.****Best in Show -- Radio****WBAL-AM, "Baltimore Unrest" by WBAL Newsradio 1090 Staff**

Great use of sound. Reporters were perfectly descriptive. Captured it well in the 'mind's eye.'

Best in Show -- Television**WRC-TV, "Serving in Silence: Rape in the National Guard," by Tisha Thompson, Rick Yarborough, Steve Jones, Mike Goldrick**

Tough choice – all good stories. This story is really well produced. Great in-depth look at this problem for women in the military. Good interviews. Great additional information provided as well.