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Charlottesville's CBS19, ABC16, and WAHU FOX27, announced today that Jim Hanchett has been named News Director of the station group, effective January 19, 2009. Hanchett was most recently Anchor and Managing Editor of WECT-TV in Wilmington, NC. Prior to that, he spent 9 years as a national and international correspondent for NBC News Channel.

"As we searched for the right person to take our news team to the next level, the choice was very clear," said Brad Ramsey, General Manager of CBS19, ABC16, and WAHU FOX27. "Jim's combination of leadership, enthusiasm, and experience is unmatched. I'm excited for our staff to have the opportunity to work with him, and I'm equally excited for the community and our viewers to get to know him."

"This is a remarkable opportunity to join a strong news team in one of the best places in the country for my growing family," Hanchett said. "Our goal every hour of every day will be to serve our broadcast and online viewers with the information they need and I can't wait to get started."

In addition to overseeing day-to-day news operations at the Charlottesville Newsplex, Hanchett will also serve as a primary news anchor for the station group.

At WECT-TV, Hanchett directed coverage of Wilmington's first-in-the-nation switch to digital-only broadcasting. That switch will happen in Charlottesville, along with the rest of the nation, as analog broadcasting ends on February 17, 2009. His work at Wilmington's market-leading station also included oversight of day-to-day news operations, field reporting, and special projects.

Hanchett's work for NBC News Channel included more than 3,000 live reports from around the globe, for CNBC, MSNBC, The Today Show, and foreign networks. An Emmy award-winning television reporter, his career began in print journalism after graduating from Boston University with degrees in Journalism and Urban Planning. Hanchett is married with three sons and a daughter.

About:

Gray Television's *WCAV CBS19*, *WVAW ABC16*, *WAHU FOX27*, *MyCville TV*, and Charlottesville's 24-hour local *Weather Now* (Comcast Ch. 209, DT 19.2), are located in the Charlottesville Newsplex, at 999 Second St. SE. With 32 weekly hours of live, local Charlottesville news and nearly 60 hours of HD programming every week, CBS19, ABC16, and WAHU FOX27 serve Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, and Orange Counties. Visit www.wcav.tv 24-hours-a-day for the latest local news, weather, sports and community information, or for more information on the Charlottesville Newsplex.