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WAVY News 10 Wins Big at the Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters Awards

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April 17, 2010 — Portsmouth, VA: WAVY News 10 claimed 10 awards today at the Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters Awards.

The WAVY/FOX43 news photography team scored four AP awards. The team took Superior and Meritorious honors in Feature Photography for the Old Dominion University Team Shoot by photojournalists Colin McIntyre, Matt Mrozinski, Andy Miller, Brian Parsons and Chris Reckling. The team assembled five cameras on opening night of ODU's return to college football. Additionally, LaVoy Harrell and Art Kohn also received Superior recognition in Spot Photography for ground and aerial coverage of the Wickham Supermarket fire in Newport News.

WAVY and FOX 43 have a talented team of newscast producers! This year, the Associated Press recognized WAVY News 10's 5pm newscast producer Shelley Rafferty with a Superior award for Outstanding Effort by an Individual Producer. The WAVY News 10 sports team, comprised of Sports Director Bruce Rader, Chris Reckling, Ahmed Fareed and Brian Parsons, also received recognition for Superior Year Round Sports.

WAVY News 10 anchor Tom Schaad received Meritorious recognition in the Best News Anchor Category and reporter Andy Fox received Meritorious honors in Best Investigative Reporting for the 10 On Your Side "Dirty Dumpsters" report. Consistent coverage of the November Nor'easter in Hampton Roads earned the Super Doppler 10 Weather Team Meritorious honors as Best Weathercast of the Year.

"It is an honor to receive this recognition," said News Director Kathy Hostetter. "The caliber of our newscasts, weather efforts and daily reporting, photography & producing are unmatched in Hampton Roads, and we are thrilled the judges recognized that talent with all of these awards."

The WAVY Web Team claimed Best Web Site recognition for www.wavy.com. "Winning a Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters award for best website speaks highly of what our news team has accomplished: A multi-platform mindset," said News Director Kathy Hostetter. "Wavy.com users rely on us 24/7 for news, weather, traffic, sports and Ten On Your Side content."

The Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters Association was created to advance the craft of journalism, to foster competition to improve broadcast journalism, and to examine the broadcast news wires of The Associated Press and to report thereon to assist the AP to provide services which best meet the needs of its members. The Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters Awards recognize the stations that most exemplify these purposes.

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