

Weather Team Promotions Announced at WSET ABC 13

WSET is pleased to announce that Sean Sublette has been promoted to the position of Chief Meteorologist and will join the ABC 13 news team at 6, 7 & 11pm. Sean is a veteran of the Roanoke-Lynchburg television market, forecasting weather here since 1995. Sean joined ABC 13 in 2003 and has been providing wake-up forecasts on Good Morning Virginia ever since. The Richmond native has his B.S. and M.S. in Meteorology from Penn State University and holds the prestigious Certified Broadcast Meteorologist (CBM) Seal. The CBM Seal is the highest professional designation awarded by the AMS, as it involves continuing education, public outreach, and a comprehensive written exam. Sean serves on the AMS Board of Broadcast Meteorology, a 12-person nationwide board in charge of determining which meteorologists are qualified to hold the AMS and CBM Seals. He will serve as Chairperson of the Board through the end of 2009.

Moving into Sean's slot on Good Morning Virginia is Meteorologist Matt Ferguson. Matt has been handling weekend weather duties for ABC 13 since 2005. He holds the seal of approval from the American Meteorological Society. Matt is from the Charlotte, NC area and has a degree in meteorology from UNC-Asheville. Viewers are already used to seeing Matt as the regular fillin with Pattie Martin on Good Morning Virginia.

Finally, WSET bids farewell to Shane Butler who has accepted a job as Chief Meteorologist at WRDW in Augusta, Georgia. WSET President and General Manager Randy Smith praised Butler for his many contributions to ABC 13 News during the past five years. "We wish him well as he takes on this new career challenge and gets back a little closer to his home in Alabama."

All of these changes are scheduled to take effect August 28, 2009.