



WTKR NewsChannel 3 Honored with Two Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards

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Norfolk, VA. WTKR NewsChannel 3 wins two regional Edward R. Murrow Awards. The Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA) announced the winners today, honoring WTKR NewsChannel 3 with awards for both Best Investigative Reporting and Best Newscast.

NewsChannel 3 Investigator Mike Mather was honored in the Investigative Reporting category for 'In Memoriam: Baby Braxton'; an exclusive NewsChannel 3 investigation that uncovered serious problems within the Virginia Beach foster care system that led to an infant, Baby Braxton, dying while in their care.

"Mike's investigation got results," says Tina Luque, WTKR News Director. "There were sweeping changes made in the Virginia Beach foster care system. Now, foster children are better protected in the state of Virginia," Luque added.

WTKR NewsChannel 3 also won for Best Newscast for its coverage after a Navy jet crashed into an apartment complex in Virginia Beach on April 6, 2012, which miraculously resulted in no deaths. NewsChannel 3 was reporting live from the scene hours before any competing station could get close.

From their website, The Radio Television Digital News Association has been honoring outstanding achievements in electronic journalism with the Edward R. Murrow Awards since 1971. Award recipients demonstrate the spirit of excellence that Murrow set as a standard for the profession of electronic journalism.

WTKR NewsChannel 3 beat out competing stations in Hampton Roads, not to mention larger markets in Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Delaware.

"Prestigious awards, like the Edward R. Murrow award, highlight the extraordinary work done everyday by the entire staff at WTKR," says Jeff Hoffman, President and General Manager of WTKR and WGNT.

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