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### Associated Press Honors WTVR-TV CBS 6 News

(Richmond, VA) --- Continuing excellence in broadcast journalism, The Associated Press has awarded WTVR TV CBS 6, *The South's First Television Station*, with five distinctions of merit.

CBS 6 News has been recognized by its statewide broadcast colleagues with a Meritorious Award for *Outstanding News Operation of the Year*. "Our News department is intensely focused on delivering Central Virginians with solid enterprise journalism," says CBS 6 News Director Bill Anderson. "These awards reflect the hard work and talent of our entire staff at CBS 6. We're dedicated to delivering the best in broadcast journalism to our viewers," continued Anderson.

The Associated Press has also awarded the CBS 6 Sports Department with two separate distinctions. CBS 6 Sports Director Lane Casadonte with the Meritorious Award as *Sports Anchor of the Year*. In addition, the CBS 6 Sports Department has earned a Meritorious Award for *Best Year Round Sports Coverage*. Earlier this year, Lane was honored as *Virginia Sportscaster of the Year* by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

CBS 6 Anchor Rob Cardwell and Photographer Jack Rusak received the Associated Press' *Douglas Southall Award for Public Service* for "The Gaines Fire." No insurance, no money and nowhere to go, this piece detailed the miraculous story of a retired couple forced to live in the charred remains of their home. After the story aired on CBS 6, help for this couple came pouring in from all across Central Virginia. Cardwell and Rusak followed the progress as this couple's home was restored by the community.

Detailing and uncovering new information about one the area's most horrific events, Mark Holmberg collects a Superior Award for *Best Documentary or In Depth Reporting* on "The Briley Brothers." A crime spree seared into the minds of native Richmonders, the Briley Brothers were convicted of several brutal crimes and master minded the biggest death row prison break in US history.