

2008 Medium Market Television Judges' Comments

Best Use of Photography
Medium Market Television
First Place

Byron Stirsman
WHIO-TV, Dayton
"Cowboy Church"

Good job mixing a variety of nat sound. Set it up well to reveal the story "twist" in the middle. Nice shot variety and selection.

Best Use of Photography
Medium Market Television
Second Place

Robert M. Meluch
WFMJ-TV, Youngstown
"Small Ships Revue"

Nice nat SOT piece, entertaining.

Best Producer
Medium Market Television
First Place

Jeff Cook
WTOL-TV, Toledo

Many reporter elements. Good use of stringers and graphics. Good use of anchors in different positions to introduce stories. Good use of real people.

Best Producer
Medium Market Television
Second Place

Kristie Bihn
WTOL-TV, Toledo

Good use of anchors, moving them off set with chroma key graphic and monitor graphics. Loved the "See It, Snap It, Send It" pics. Enjoyed the different elements.

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**Best Broadcast Writing
Medium Market Television
*First Place***

**Rob Powers and Joe Nugent
WTVG-TV, Toledo
"Drew and Bam-Bam"**

Great kids! Well put-together pieces. Writing was spot on.

**Best Broadcast Writing
Medium Market Television
*Second Place***

**Caryn Golden
WHIO-TV, Dayton
"Foreclosure Pets"**

No comments.

**Best Sports Broadcaster
Medium Market Television
*First Place***

**Rob Powers
WTVG-TV, Toledo**

Good energy in on-camera work. Very relatable.

**Best Web Site
Medium Market Television
*First Place***

**WHIO-TV, Dayton
whiotv.com**

Well written content and very user-friendly navigation makes whiotv.com an impressive place for users to find all they need. Very interactive.

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Best Web Site
Medium Market Television
Second Place

Angel Belford and Tim Andrassy
WUPW-TV, Toledo
foxt Toledo.com

Very crisp, clean and simple format for effective display of content. Incorporates truly interactive features to put the user in control.

Best Documentary or Series
Medium Market Television
First Place

Caryn Golden and Pat Enright
WHIO-TV, Dayton
"The Day the Lights Went Out"

Great job of showing viewer-submitted video, then following up with each to get personal story. Powerful images!

Best Documentary or Series
Medium Market Television
Second Place

Talia Hagler and Michael Petrucci
WFMJ-TV, Youngstown
"Mortgage Mess"

Informative, strong storytelling. I especially like the abandoned home piece.

Best Feature Reporting
Medium Market Television
First Place

Jennifer Boresz
WTOL-TV, Toledo
"The Heroes of Operation Halyard"

Great storytelling and research. Reporter kept dropping "gold coins" of information that kept the viewer riveted.

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Best Feature Reporting Medium Market Television *Second Place*

James Brown and Byron Stirman
WHIO-TV, Dayton
"Cowboy Church"

Excellent videography and use of sound brought the viewer right into the event.

Best Spot News Coverage Medium Market Television *First Place*

Mandy Hackman and Brian Oehlbeck
WKBN-TV, Youngstown
"Flea Market Fire"

Great shots, good interview, good sidebar package. Reporter did a good job, especially considering she was a one-woman band. Bravo. You should be proud.

Best Spot News Coverage Medium Market Television *Second Place*

Stan Boney and Nate Schick
WYTV-TV, Youngstown
"Crawford Family Dies in Arson Fire"

The photography of this piece is what really caught our attention. The shot of the firefighter falling to the ground was great.

Extraordinary Coverage of a Scheduled Event Medium Market Television *First Place*

Howard Chen and Fox Toledo Hardcore Sports
WUPW-TV, Toledo
"BCS Championship Monday"

Plenty of interesting angles that helped capture the significance of the game. Didn't feel too "sports-heavy."

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Extraordinary Coverage of a Scheduled Event **Medium Market Television** *Second Place*

Jerry Anderson and Andi Roman
WTOL-TV, Toledo
"Countdown to Vote"

Love the motorhome and the idea of reaching out to so many communities. Good effort.

Best Continuing Coverage **Medium Market Television** *First Place*

Jonathan Walsh
WTOL-TV, Toledo
"Cancer Cluster"

Very powerful stuff, credit to the station for following the story when others didn't. Strong research and storytelling. A story with impact! Very impressive.

Best Continuing Coverage **Medium Market Television** *Second Place*

2 News Team
WDTN-TV, Dayton
"Lauterbach Homicide"

Decent coverage of story with strong local impact. Nice job of reporter building a good report with Lauterbach's mother. Seems like station was all over this story.

Best Investigative Reporting **Medium Market Television** *First Place*

Jill Del Greco and Byron Stirsman
WHIO-TV, Dayton
"Homeless Sex Offenders"

Well told and produced story. Took the extra steps necessary to make the piece compelling and impactful.

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Best Investigative Reporting **Medium Market Television** *Second Place*

Jonathan Walsh and Ryan Vetter
WTOL-TV, Toledo
"Oil Slickers"

Great effort and undercover work. Much more than your typical "bad mechanic investigation."

Best Enterprise Reporting **Medium Market Television** *First Place*

Chrys Peterson and Paul Kwapich
WTOL-TV, Toledo
"Deadly Encounter"

Very personal stories. Good use of music, video, etc. Well shot, well written. Gripping. Hooked me from the start. Strong storytelling.

Best Enterprise Reporting **Medium Market Television** *Second Place*

Tim Miller and Paul Kwapich
WTOL-TV, Toledo
"What Killed My Family?"

Good calm and clear delivery. Didn't sensationalize – just told the story. Great use of emotional sound, good voice presentation. Nice surprise at the end.

Best Photographer **Medium Market Television** *First Place*

Eric Frisbee
WHIO-TV, Dayton

Eric shoots the heck out of these stories, making otherwise routine stories highly memorable. The video, sound and editing carry the storytelling. Great work!

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Best Photographer
Medium Market Television
Second Place

Kris Sproles
WDTN-TV, Dayton

Very nice compilation of work. His video of the factory fire really allowed us to appreciate the fire's intensity.

Best Anchor
Medium Market Television
First Place

James Brown
WHIO-TV, Dayton

Like that anchor is out in the community. Smooth ad lib.

Best Anchor
Medium Market Television
Second Place

Jerry Anderson
WTOL-TV, Toledo

Very conversational, feels like he's just talking to viewers, not reading. Strong delivery and great presentation. Made me want to watch more. Very smooth.

Best Reporter
Medium Market Television
First Place

Kathryn Burcham
WHIO-TV, Dayton

Very solid, good storytelling. Multiple angles. Truancy story well balanced.

Best Reporter
Medium Market Television
Second Place

Jim Otte
WHIO-TV, Dayton

Loved unclaimed funds story. Jim's very relatable. Oil package very informative.

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Best Regularly Scheduled Weather Medium Market Television *First Place*

**Jamie Simpson
WHIO-TV, Dayton
"Storm Center 7: December 23, 2008"**

Straightforward storytelling.

Best Regularly Scheduled Sports Medium Market Television *First Place*

**Rob Powers
WTVG-TV, Toledo
"13ABC Action Sports"**

Very well presented, lot of content. Anchor sold his content, very strong delivery.

Best Regularly Scheduled News Medium Market Television *First Place*

**Tiffany Oliphant and Peter Bour
WDTN-TV, Dayton
"2 News at 6, June 17, 2008"**

Great show – nice execution of team coverage. It was also a great "get" with pilot's parents. Nice pacing. You kept our attention throughout. Very good job by all!

Best Regularly Scheduled News Medium Market Television *Second Place*

**Melanie Ash
WTOL-TV, Toledo
"News 11 Your Morning"**

Very strong start – showcasing all your talent right off the top – makes it look like you are everywhere covering the big story. Nice use of the four traffic cameras.

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Outstanding Weather Operation **Medium Market Television** *First Place*

Storm Center 7
WHIO-TV, Dayton

Comprehensive and well-rounded. More than just the basic weather story.

Outstanding Sports Operation **Medium Market Television** *First Place*

13ABC Action Sports
WTVG-TV, Toledo

Outstanding. Great use of people and resources. As good a local sports station as we have seen.

Outstanding News Operation **Medium Market Television** *First Place*

WTOL-TV, Toledo

Nice range of stories. Solid investigative pieces. Nice look. You are a strong, dedicated and competitive news operation and it shows. Well done.

Outstanding News Operation **Medium Market Television** *Second Place*

Steve Diorio and Peter Bour
WDTN-TV, Dayton

This station showcased itself very well. Especially strong coverage of murder of Marine. Nice job and execution overall.