

## **2011 Ohio SPJ Awards**

**BROADCAST:** Television (All Markets)

### **Best Consumer Reporting**

FIRST: "BBB Grades for Sale," Hagit Limor, Phil Drechsler, *WCPO-TV*.

SECOND: "Illegal Body Shop Exposed," Tom Sussi, Aaron Nestor, *WSYX-TV*.

### **Best Continuing Coverage**

FIRST: "Veterans Charity or Political Front?" Hagit Limor, Phil Drechsler, *WCPO-TV*.

SECOND: "Demolition Youngstown," John Mikulas, Bob Meluch, Mike Petrucci, Timothy Dale, Ron Martin and Sally Phillips, *WFMJ-TV*.

### **Best Criminal Justice Reporting**

FIRST: "Racial Profiling Investigation," Peggy Sinkovich, Nick Rich, DJ Yokley, *WKBN/WYTV*.

SECOND: "Excessive Force Investigation," Peggy Sinkovich, Nick Rich, *WKBN/WYTV*.

### **Best Documentary**

FIRST: "Domestic Violence: Stopping the Cycle," James Brown, Cheryl McHenry, Becky Grimes, Byron Stirsman, *WHIO-TV*.

SECOND: No Award

### **Best Education Issues Reporting: K-12**

No Entries

### **Best Education Issues Reporting: Higher Education**

No Entries

### **Best Enterprise Reporting**

FIRST: "Drew's Law," Kathryn Burcham, Byron Stirsman, *WHIO-TV*.

SECOND: "Bingo Ministry," Hagit Limor, Phil Drechsler, *WCPO-TV*.

### **Best Environment Reporting**

FIRST: "Toxic Algae at Grand Lake," Mark Bruce, *WHIO-TV*.

SECOND: No Award

### **Best Feature Reporting**

FIRST: "Berta Bounces Back," Chuck Strickler, Scott Doelling, *WBNS-TV*.

SECOND: "Deforia's Song," Harrison Hove, Andy Wallace, *Ohio News Network*.

### **Best General Assignment Reporting**

FIRST: "Wood County Tornado," Dave Nethers, Ali Ghanbari, *WJW-TV*.

SECOND: "KSU Anniversary," Stephanie Mennecke, Andy Wallace, *Ohio News Network*.

### **Best Government Reporting**

FIRST: "The Chairman's Wife," Jeff Hirsh, Ed Burkholder, *WKRC-TV*.

SECOND: "Missing Funds," Tom Sussi, Aaron Nestor, *WSYX-TV*.

### **Best Health Care Feature Reporting**

FIRST: "Caring for the Elderly," Peggy Sinkovich, Nick Rich, *WKBN/WYTV*.

SECOND: No Award

### **Best Investigative Reporting**

FIRST: "Final Justice," Ron Regan, WEWS-TV Special Reporter Unit, *WEWS-TV*.

SECOND: "Suit Proof Physicians," Hagit Limor, Phil Drechsler, *WCPO-TV*.

### **Best Medical/Science Report**

FIRST: "Use Your Head," Monica Robins, *WKYC-TV*.

SECOND: "Sally's Story," Becky Grimes, Byron Stirsman, *WHIO-TV*.

### **Best Minority Issues Coverage**

FIRST: "Women of Achievement," Amy Courtheyn, Arica Robbins, *Ohio News Network*.

Second: No Award

### **Best Recession Impact Reporting**

No Entries

### **Best Sports Profile**

FIRST: "Notre Dame Artist," Jeff Hirsh, Brian Novak, Adam Robbins, *WKRC-TV*.

SECOND: "Rush for a Cause," Cristin Severance, Andy Wallace, *Ohio News Network*.

### **Best Sports Reporting**

No Entries

### **Best Spot News**

FIRST: "Searching for Isaac," Michelle Nicks and Timothy Dale, *WFMJ-TV*.

SECOND: "Pit Bull Attack," Brittny McGraw, Eric Higgenbotham, *WHIO-TV*.

### **Best Web Site**

FIRST: [www.newsnet5.com](http://www.newsnet5.com) Colleen Seitz, Mike Waterhouse, Jen Steer, Garrett Downing, *WEWS-TV*.

SECOND: [www.nbc4i.com](http://www.nbc4i.com) Donna Willis, Denise Yost, *WCMH-TV*.

## **2011 Ohio SPJ Awards**

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### **Best Anchor**

FIRST: Body of Work, Chuck Strickler, *WBNS-TV*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Robert Kendrick, *WSYX/WTTE-TV*.

### **Best Editor**

FIRST: Body of Work, Andy Wallace, *Ohio News Network*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Byron Stirsman, *WHIO-TV*.

### **Best News Operation**

FIRST: Staff, *WKYC-TV*.

SECOND: Staff, *Ohio News Network*.

**Best Newscast**

FIRST: "10TV News HD," Michael Gant, Staff, *WBNS-TV*.

SECOND: "Channel 3 News at 6," Rita Andolsen, Staff, *WKYC-TV*.

**Best Producer**

FIRST: Michael Gant, *WBNS-TV*.

SECOND: "Prime Time Ohio," Kathy Chambers, *Ohio News Network*.

**Best Public Affairs Program**

FIRST: "Capitol Square," Jeremy Naylor, Jim Heath, *Ohio News Network*.

SECOND: "The State of Ohio," Karen Kasler, Ron Corby, *Ohio Public Radio/TV*.

**Best Reporter**

FIRST: "Tom Sussi Reports," Tom Sussi, *WSYX-TV*.

SECOND: "Mike McCarthy Reports," Mike McCarthy, *WSYX/WTTE-TV*.

**Best Videographer**

FIRST: "Ali's Body of Work 2010," Ali Ghanbari, *WJW-TV*.

SECOND: "Videographer Composite," Andy Wallace, *Ohio News Network*.