

## WKRG News 5 Wins Top Award, Named Outstanding News Operation in Alabama Associated Press Awards

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WKRG News 5 staff members (l-r) J.B. Biunno, Debbie Williams, and Devon Walsh hold some of the station awards at the 2018 Alabama Associated Press Awards banquet in Birmingham, AL

### Station wins Best Newscast, Best Spot News Story, more

**MOBILE, Alabama-** WKRG News 5 was named “Outstanding News Operation” by the 2018 Alabama Associated Press Broadcasters at the Alabama AP Media Editors Awards Banquet Saturday, June 9 in Birmingham, AL.

“Outstanding News Operation” is the top award given to broadcast news organizations by the Alabama Associated Press. WKRG won a total of 13 awards.

“We are thrilled to be recognized as ‘outstanding news operation’ by the Alabama Associated Press,” said Jesse Gear, Vice President and General Manager of WKRG. “It’s an honor shared by our entire staff who work every day to live up to our promise of being ‘local coverage you can count on.’”

The station won Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast, Best News Feature, Best Spot News Story, and Best Staff Photography. WKRG staff members also placed first in Best Anchor, Best Weather Anchor, Best Specialized Reporter, and Best Photographer.

Here is a complete list of awards won by WKRG News 5:

Outstanding News Operation- 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast- 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Best News Feature- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Devon Walsh and Jason Garcia, "Inside Metro Jail: Ladies Run Lockup"  
Best Spot News story- 1<sup>st</sup> place: "Mardi Gras Tragedy in Gulf Shores"  
Best Series- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: JB Biunno, "Cyber Safe"  
Best Sports Program- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Randy Patrick and Robby Baker, "Friday Night Football Fever"  
Victor Irving Best Staff Photography- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Arnell Hamilton  
Stan Tarilton Best Photographer- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jason Garcia  
Best Specialized Reporter- 1<sup>st</sup> place: J.B. Biunno  
Best News Anchor- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Devon Walsh  
Best Weather Anchor- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Alan Sealls  
Best Sports Anchor- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Randy Patrick  
Best Reporter- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Debbie Williams

#### **About WKRG News 5**

WKRG News 5 reaches more than 665,000 television households in the Mobile-Pensacola-Fort Walton Beach television market. It is seen in 4 counties in Northwest Florida, 7 counties in Alabama, and 3 counties in Mississippi.

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