

News Release

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**MPB NEWS TEAM RECEIVES 14 REGIONAL AWARDS**

*Team recognized with AP and Murrow Awards*

**Jackson, Miss.** – Mississippi Public Broadcasting’s (MPB) award-winning news team was recognized for excellence in news coverage with 14 regional awards. MPB News received one regional Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA) and 13 awards from the Mississippi Associated Press.

“I’m proud of our news team for the great showing at the AP and Murrow awards,” said Ronnie Agnew, MPB Executive Director. “Every day, they report the news about Mississippi with clarity, depth and compassion. The MPB News team works hard to report the news with accuracy and fairness. I am happy to see their excellent work recognized.”

“I’m always humbled and honored when our work is recognized as among the best,” said MPB Director of News Teresa Collier. “Our news team is committed to telling Mississippi’s stories and these awards affirm our wholehearted commitment to that coverage. I work with a remarkable team of professionals and I’m extremely proud of the work they produce.”

The RTDNA recognized MPB with a regional Edward R. Murrow award for “Best Newscast” in large market radio. The winning newscast provided coverage on Mississippi’s anti-abortion protests, ricin-laced letters sent to Mississippi officials, and the Boston marathon on MPB’s “Mississippi Edition” on MPB Think Radio.

MPB News also received 13 awards from the Mississippi Associated Press, earning first place awards in four of the 10 categories. Details on all of the awards are listed below:

**RTDNA Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards – Region 9**

**Best Newscast in Large Market Radio**

* [MPB 7am Newscast from 4-17-13](https://soundcloud.com/rtdna-1/miss-public-broadcasting-7am)

Karen Brown and Jeffrey Hess

**Mississippi Associated Press Awards**

 **First Place Awards**

* **Best Public Affairs Reporting**

“Mississippi Edition: Tornado Destruction in Hattiesburg”

Karen Brown and Ezra Wall

* **Best Documentary**

“How Has Meth Treatment and Enforcement in Mississippi Changed?”

Evelina Burnett

* **Best Feature Story**

“Mississippians Remember March on Washington”

Lawayne Childrey

* **Best Website**

MPB News Team

 **Second Place Awards**

* **Best Public Affairs Reporting**

“Mississippi Edition: Abortion Clinic Ruling”

Karen Brown, Ezra Wall, Jeffrey Hess

* **Best Documentary**

“Medicaid in Mississippi”

Jeffrey Hess

* **Best Feature Story**

“50 Years Later: Remembering Medgar Evers”

Lawayne Childrey

* **Best General News Story**

“New Exhibition Honors Medgar Evers”

Lawayne Childrey

* **Best Radio Newscaster**

Karen Brown

* **Achievement**

“Mississippi Edition: Medgar Evers Remembered”

Karen Brown, Ezra Wall, Lawayne Childrey

* **Best Newscast**

7am Newcast – April 17, 2013

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 **Third Place Awards**

* **Best News Story**

“Battle Over State’s Only Abortion Clinic Continues”

Jeffrey Hess

* **Achievement**

7am Newscast – December 4, 2013

MPB News Team

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting** (MPB) provides instructional and public affairs programming to Mississippians through its statewide television and radio network. MPB enhances the work of educators, students, parents and learners of all ages by providing informative programming and educational resources. MPB’s locally-produced programming focuses on the people, resources and attractions that reflect Mississippi’s unique culture and diverse heritage. Children’s television programs constitute a major portion of the daytime and weekend morning schedules. MPB provides a valuable resource to Mississippians in disseminating information as part of the state’s emergency preparedness and response system. Since 1970, MPB has won over 400 national, regional and statewide awards, including Emmy®, Edward R. Murrow and Parents’ Choice® Awards. For more information on MPB, its programs, mission or educational resources, please visit [www.mpbonline.org](http://www.mpbonline.org).

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