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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Alaska Public Media's Paul Jewusiak named 2024 Broadcaster of the Year.**



**Anchorage, AK: Paul Jewusiak** was named 2024 Broadcaster of the Year by the Alaska Broadcasters Association (ABA). The presentation of the award will be made virtually on a date to be determined.

Paul has worked in broadcasting from 1992 to the present. Currently working at Alaska Public Media, he has put his long and respected broadcasting experience to work on behalf of improving television and radio broadcasting across the entire state of Alaska.

His many accomplishments on behalf of Alaska broadcasters include: Oversight and improvements to ARCS (Alaska Rural Communications System.) Held oversight of statewide news content thru the APRN network stations; improvements included redundancy in distribution with terrestrial internet back up path to augment the satellite distribution path. Held oversight of ABTC (Anchorage Broadcast Television Consortium) shared TV translator system on the Kenai Peninsula. Maintains public relations with major broadcast vendors to keep Alaska in their purview for both TV and Radio broadcasters' benefit. This keeps current technology information flowing to Alaska broadcasters during ABA conventions and other vendor sponsored events. Has served as member and advisor to Alaska State Emergency Communications Committee since 1998. Also served on committee to bring Alaska into FCC compliance with "new" distribution requirements of two sources of alerts to each community. Advisor to National Primary Entry Point Advisory Committee (PEPAC) (10years). Served as BOD member at large and later as Vice President. Contributed to the design of FEMA adopted hardened broadcast shelters that have been installed in dozens of key broadcast stations across the country for use when dire emergencies are presented. Contributed to facility general maintenance and performance standards for use in existing broadcast Primary Entry Point broadcast facilities. Key contributor to re-design of national distribution of emergency alerting over satellite pathways to augment the old telephone dial-up distribution system. Jewusiak's work over the last year has ensured a stronger more robust emergency response system for all Alaska Broadcasters. Key contributions of Alaska emergency alert system include improvements to alerting distribution, communication for statewide alerting and for local community alerting for Anchorage and other communities.

In his capacity as Chief Technology Officer, Alaska Public Media, KSKA FM facilities improvements including new broadcast transmitter, conversion of studio audio content system to IP Internet protocol)-based system for better flexibility and adaptability, new audio processing equipment for better audio quality and listenability. KAKM TV facilities improvements including new broadcast transmitter, rebuilt PCR (production control facility), and audio processing improvements.

***Congratulations to Paul***

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