

## Scripps station, KTTS 94.7 FM, wins Station of the Year from Academy of Country Music

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**CINCINNATI** – KTTS 94.7 FM in Springfield, Missouri, is Station of the Year for small markets, according to the Academy of Country Music. The country music industry's awards program, now in its 51<sup>st</sup> year, annually recognizes radio stations in addition to top country music artists. KTTS 94.7 FM is one of five stations in Springfield, owned and operated by The E.W. Scripps Company (NYSE: SSP).

KTTS 94.7 FM has been serving the Springfield community for more than 40 years. It is Springfield's only station to provide live and local news, information and music 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

"The Station of the Year award really sets us apart not only in the Ozarks but across the country, and it is a testament to the commitment KTTS has for serving Springfield," said Steve Wexler, vice president of Scripps' radio division. "Our talented team delivers meaningful local radio that enriches our communities."

The award-winning newsroom provides life-saving weather updates and covers local news. Its coverage of a local abduction and murder garnered a national Edward R. Murrow Award in 2015 for best newscast in a small market. It was the second national Murrow award for the KTTS news team. The first came in 2012 for "continuing coverage" of the Joplin, Missouri, tornado.

KTTS 94.7 FM won the NAB Crystal Award in 2015. It recognizes a select group of radio stations every year for outstanding year-round commitment to community service.

"This is a tremendous honor for the entire KTTS team," said Rex Hansen, vice president and general manager of the Scripps radio operations in Springfield. "After recently being recognized with a national Murrow and the NAB Crystal Award, this shows our dedication to serving our local community. We are very proud."

The Academy of Country Music Awards will be televised on CBS on Sunday, April 3. Winners in the radio categories receive their awards at a private reception in Las Vegas one day prior to the broadcast.

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newsroom in Washington, D.C., and serves as the long-time steward of the nation's largest, most successful and longest-running educational program, the [Scripps National Spelling Bee](#). Founded in 1878, Scripps has held for decades to the motto, "Give light and the people will find their own way."

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