

WXYZ receives Sigma Delta Chi award after year-long investigation into Detroit Police misconduct

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CINCINNATI – WXYZ-TV, The E.W. Scripps station in Detroit, received a national Sigma Delta Chi award for its year-long investigation into widespread misconduct inside the Detroit Police Department. The investigative series won in the public service category.

The Society of Professional Journalists selected WXYZ for the award from among 1,413 entries from across the nation.

Investigative reporter Ross Jones, video editor Randy Lundquist and photographers Ramon Rosario and Johnny Sartin collaborated on the project. The investigation into DPD revealed how the city's most troubled officers remained on the force.

"Over the course of a year, 7 Action News investigators exposed misconduct inside the Detroit Police Department," said Mike Murri, vice president and general manager of WXYZ. "Our reporting triggered an overhaul of the department's disciplinary system and forced the department to identify 128 'high risk' officers on the force."

The Sigma Delta Chi Awards date to 1932, when the Society of Professional Journalists first honored six individuals for contributions to journalism. The 2021 winners were announced during a virtual ceremony on Thursday, June 23, 2022. Other winning news organizations include CBS News' 60 Minutes, The New York Times, The Washington Post and ProPublica.

[You can read the year-long investigation by WXYZ here.](#)

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