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## **WCVB CHANNEL 5 WINS TWO REGIONAL RTDNA EDWARD R. MURROW AWARDS**

### ***WCVB CHANNEL 5 RECOGNIZED FOR "OVERALL EXCELLENCE" AND "BEST NEWSCAST"***

**Boston (April 19, 2016)** – WCVB Channel 5, Boston's ABC affiliate, has won two regional Edward R. Murrow Awards for "Overall Excellence" and "Best Newscast" in Large Market Television presented by the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA). This is the seventh consecutive year that WCVB has received top honors in both the "Overall Excellence" and "Newscast" categories. The RTDNA presents the Murrow Awards annually to recognize the best electronic journalism produced by radio, television, and online news organizations around the world. The regional Edward R. Murrow commendations automatically qualify the station for consideration for the organization's national awards. WCVB won the prestigious national Murrow Award for "Best Newscast" last year and was recognized with the national "Overall Excellence" award in both 2012 and 2014.

WCVB was recognized in the following categories:

- **Overall Excellence:**

- WCVB-TV Overall Excellence

- **Newscast:**

- Baby Doe

- For months, people in the Boston-area and around the country were captivated by the girl known as "Baby Doe." The unidentified girl who appeared to be 3 or 4 years old, was found dead on Deer Island in Boston. Her body had been wrapped in a blanket and sealed in a trash bag. Investigators had followed dozens of leads in the U.S. and internationally, but were unable to determine her identity until this day. WCVB's investigative team, 5 Investigates, first broke the news in the morning that police had identified "Baby Doe" and that she was indeed from the Boston area. Throughout the day, WCVB continued to dominate coverage and developments, and by 6pm could offer a comprehensive look at the girl's life and how she may have died and been left on the shore. WCVB utilized a team of reporters and multiple sources to give its viewers all angles of this little girl's story.

"WCVB takes great pride in providing our community with the best news and information available across all of our platforms," said Bill Fine, WCVB President & General Manager. "Being honored for 'Overall Excellence' and best 'Newscast' by an organization as respected as the RTDNA is the highest form of praise. It is extremely gratifying to be recognized, once again, for the talents and tireless efforts of our entire news team."

"Receiving these top regional honors by the RTDNA is a testament to the experience and dedication of WCVB's team of exceptional, local journalists," added Andrew Vrees, News Director. "We know the territory, we have unmatched local insights, and we work tirelessly to serve our community."

"Our winners shed light on important issues and solve problems in their communities," added RTDNA Executive Director Mike Cavender. "We're proud to recognize their achievements."

RTDNA received more than 4,300 entries during the 2016 awards season, setting an all-time record for the fourth year in a row.

A complete list of the 2016 Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards winners can be found at [rtdna.org](http://rtdna.org).

National Murrow awards, including those for network news organizations and for students, will be announced in June. The national awards are presented at the RTDNA Edward R. Murrow Awards Gala at Gotham Hall in New York City on October 10.

### **WCVB CHANNEL 5**

WCVB is Boston's broadcast/digital media leader, providing news, weather, sports, community service and entertainment on multiple platforms including WCVB Channel 5, [wcvb.com](http://wcvb.com), WCVB mobile and MeTV Boston. Founded by community leaders in 1972, WCVB is committed to its mission to serve the region with quality local content. In addition to nearly 45 hours of NewsCenter 5 coverage each week, original offerings include Chronicle, the nation's longest running local news magazine; CityLine, a weekly urban magazine program; and On The Record, a weekly political roundtable. The station has been honored with numerous prestigious national broadcasting honors including the RTDNA Edward R. Murrow Awards for "Best Newscast" and National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation's "Service to the Community" award. Additional top honors include the National Headliner Awards, Gracie Awards, Gabriel Awards, the regional Emmy's, Associated Press Awards, Walter Cronkite Award, and duPont Awards. WCVB, Boston's ABC affiliate station, is owned by Hearst Television, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hearst, a leading media company whose global holdings include 30 television stations and two radio stations. Follow us on Facebook ([wcvb5](https://www.facebook.com/wcvb5)), Twitter ([@wcvb](https://twitter.com/wcvb)) or Google+ (search +wcvb).

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