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## **KOAA News5 Hires Ryan Hazelwood as News Director**

**Colorado Springs, Colorado** – Ryan Hazelwood has been named News Director at KOAA News5.

Hazelwood comes to KOAA News5 from Amarillo, Texas where he served as KVII's news director for four and a half years. During his tenure at KVII, Hazelwood grew viewership through strong leadership, fair reporting and storytelling focused on community concerns. Ryan has instructed mass communications courses at West Texas A&M University and has spent years behind the camera as a Photojournalist at KVUE, KVII, and KFDA. His unique history forms a solid foundation for news reporting while creating an environment for learning and growth.

"I am very excited to join the 'Always Watching Out For You' culture at KOAA News5. A news station should serve its community as it reports the facts. KOAA News5 delivers news that protects viewers and helps them make vital decisions," said Hazelwood. "I look forward to working alongside this team of accomplished journalists and help build on KOAA News5's legacy of service."

"Ryan Hazelwood understands KOAA News5's brand is built on the idea of watching out for others," said KOAA5 President and General Manager, Evan Pappas. "He is the type of leader who aggressively seeks the truth, and he drives his team to be first with daily and breaking news on all platforms. This push for journalistic integrity, along with his motivation to build community, makes Ryan the choice to lead the News5 Team."

Hazelwood was a 2012 Kneeland Fellow and has served on the board of the National Broadcasting Society. He is also a Lone Star Emmy Winner. Hazelwood begins his new role on September 5, 2017.

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