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Welcome Michael Thompson to NewsWest 9. Thompson has spent over a decade in the KLTV newsroom, most recently, the past six years as an executive producer of one of the most respected Broadcast Newsrooms in the country. He has played a vital role in the success of KLTV delivering a high quality news product across multiple platforms.

Recognized as an award winning journalist, producer, and executive producer by the Lone Star Emmys and the Associate Press, Michael was selected for a tailored leadership program offered to a handful of Raycom News Managers. Michael was raised in Arkansas and moved to Texas where he attended Texas A&M at Commerce.

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Everyone,

Michael Thompson is the new News Director at our Raycom sister station KWES-TV in Midland, Texas. The News Team there is fortunate to have him.

I hired Michael in June 2007 and have watched him grow into one of the best News Producers and Executive Producers I've had the privilege to work with. I am so very proud of his accomplishments. You might remember Michael was one of a handful of Raycom managers chosen to be part of our Company's Leadership Training Program. He has worked hard to prepare for this next opportunity. It is a challenge I know he will attack with the same intensity and enthusiasm we have seen from him every day in our newsroom.

Michael will be back to work with us on Election day so you'll see him again before he makes the move to Midland.

Today is a good day for our profession. We need leaders like Michael. We need good journalists who want to make a difference managing newsrooms. Now KWES in Midland has one.

More to come.

Kenny Boles
News Director
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