

I am pleased to announce that Jason Walker will be the next News Director at WKBT News 8. Jason has worked in local newsrooms for over 20 years. He joins us from KBTX Bryan-College Station, TX where he was the assistant news director.

Jason's experience as a chief photojournalist, executive producer, operations manager, and assistant news director will be key to our ongoing success. In his past positions he has managed day-to-day newsroom duties as well as guiding many long-term news department projects.

I believe that his hands-on experience leading teams in a fast-paced, digital-first newsroom makes him an ideal choice for our news director.

Prior to WKBT, Jason served in newsroom positions at KOTV Tulsa, OK, KENS San Antonio, TX, KTRK Houston, TX, KIAH Houston, TX, KEYE Austin, TX and KBTX.

Jason's first day will be this Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>. He will spend the week with us as we launch Ross OD, build out our new newsroom set and getting up to speed on the needs of our newsroom. Please take a moment when he arrives to welcome him to the News 8 family.