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MPBN Reporter Jay Field Recipient of 2013 Regional Murrow Award

Field's work to go on to compete for national recognition

(Bangor/Portland/Lewiston) —The Radio Television Digital News Association announced that Maine Public Broadcasting Radio Reporter Jay Field was selected as one of the winners of the 2013 Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards. The awards recognize work of the highest quality produced by radio, television and online news organizations around the world.

"For more than 40 years, the Edward R. Murrow Award has honored the best of electronic journalism," said Mike Cavender, Executive Director of RTDNA. "This year's winners represent the outstanding work being done in local newsrooms, which we are proud to recognize."

A record number of award entries were submitted, and judges selected winners in 13 regions across the United States and from international entrants from across the globe. Field's series on Prescription Drug Monitoring was recognized as an exceptional piece of journalism. "I'm honored to be recognized with a Murrow Award," stated Field. "It's gratifying to have been able to draw attention to Maine's ongoing struggle with prescription drug diversion and abuse. And it's especially rewarding for me to work for an organization like MPBN that encourages this kind of in-depth, public service journalism."

"We are really excited to have Jay recognized for his outstanding reporting!" noted Mark Vogelzang, MPBN's President and CEO. "I believe that his expertise, and specifically this work on prescription drugs, is representative of the dedication to providing timely news and information and the quality of reporting taking place here every day at MPBN."

The regional winners are automatically entered in the national Edward R. Murrow Awards competition, which will be judged during the summer. National awards will be presented in New York on Columbus Day.

About RTDNA:

RTDNA is the world's largest professional organization devoted exclusively to electronic journalism. RTDNA represents local and network journalists in broadcasting, cable and digital media in more than 30 countries.

About The Maine Public Broadcasting Network:

The Maine Public Broadcasting Network operates five television transmitters (WCBB-TV - Augusta - 10, WMEA-TV - Biddeford - 26, WMED-TV - Calais - 13, WMEB-TV - Orono - 12, WMEM-TV - Presque Isle - 10), and seven radio transmitters (WMEH-FM - Bangor - 90.9, WMED-FM - Calais - 89.7, WMEP-FM - Camden - 90.5, WMEF-FM - Fort Kent - 106.5, WMEA-FM - Portland - 90.1, WMEM-FM - Presque Isle - 106.1, WMEW-FM - Waterville - 91.3) reaching households in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Atlantic Canada. MPBN also delivers content to a worldwide audience via its website, www.mpbn.net.

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