



# Chris O'Connell

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## EXPERIENCE

### WTXF-TV, Fox News, Philadelphia, PA

### Reporter/Anchor

September 2010 – Present

- Anchor weekends and main fill-in during the week
- Consistently produces lead stories on extremely tight deadlines for 5pm, 6pm and 10pm broadcasts
- Primary reporter sent to cover national breaking news stories and stories impacting Philadelphia viewers
- Appearances on Fox News as national correspondent for national stories like the Black Lives Matter Protests, Boston Marathon Bombing, Occupy Wall Street and the trial of Jerry Sandusky
- Part of collaborative effort of Strategic Team that increased social media engagement by 300%
- Frequent charity host and Master of Ceremonies for non-profit organizations and local schools

### KSTP, St. Paul, MN

### Anchor/General Assignment Reporter

April 2007 – September 2010

- Newscast anchor responsible for a 55% increase in ratings for the 11PM nightly newscast
- Facilitated daily news story development and research for delivery for nightly newscast
- Lead newscast reporter responsible for research, interviewing, writing and on-camera presentation of a news report breaking news on a daily basis under multiple deadlines

### Bay News 9, Tampa, FL

### Senior Reporter/Sports Anchor

August 1997 – April 2007

- On-air anchor/host for nightly half-hour sports talk show
- Reported, produced and edited in-depth special reports, news style sports documentaries and coverage of major sports events
- Appeared regularly on CNN as Florida based correspondent covering more than 25 tropical storms and hurricanes
- Obtained exclusive one on one interviews with Vice-President Al Gore, President George W. Bush during the 2000 Presidential Campaign
- Lead reporter for 10 Time Warner News Channels for the 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles
- Overseas assignments in Rome, Italy, Honduras, and Aruba

### WTVR-TV, CBS Affiliate Richmond, VA

### Bureau Chief/Reporter

May 1995 – August 1997

- Generated, research and gather daily story ideas for broadcast on 3 nightly newscasts
- Responsible for full production of daily broadcast news stories
- Produced and reported overseas assignments in Israel and London, England
- Host and Master of Ceremonies for many charity events and regular visits to local schools

### WGAL-TV, NBC Affiliate Lancaster, PA

### Reporter

May 1994 – May 1995

- Developed, gathered and reported news stories for 6 daily newscasts

Emmy Award winning television journalist with more than 20 years broadcast experience in the full production of television news stories.

Exceptional interviewing skills enabling the production of stories filled with emotion and impact. Expert in live breaking events, social media, and video production while comfortably working under extremely tight deadlines.

## Awards

- Recognized for Outstanding Achievement in General Assignment Reporting with Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award
- 2007 National Emmy Award winner for Outstanding Achievement of Breaking News for extensive coverage of the 35W Bridge Collapse

## Education

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
BA, Radio-Television-Film

## Social Media



@CoconnellFox29  
9K followers



@ChrisOConnellFox29  
7.9K followers



@Chrisoconnell23  
1K followers



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