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Top Skills

Meteorology
Online Journalism
Digital Media

Certifications

Seal of Approval for Television Weathercasting

Don Paul

Regular correspondent on weather and climate for digital edition, Buffalo News. at The Buffalo News. Substitute evening meteorologist, WIVB Buffalo in 2020 -present
Buffalo, New York, United States

Summary

Following my earlier Army ROTC commission at my Rutgers University graduation in New Brunswick, I served as a 1st Lieutenant, trained as a rifle platoon leader, at Ft. Benning 1972-73, retiring from USAR in 1977 at the rank of Captain. Non-combatant.

I have been a broadcast meteorologist since 1976, having worked briefly at WVII in Bangor Maine, then 1 year at KAKE in Wichita, 1 year at WFLA in Tampa, 5 years at WJBK (then a CBS affiliate) as weekend meteorologist and weekday science editor, in Detroit.

I arrived at WIVB in August of 1984.

I hold the American Meteorological Society Seal of Approval for Television Weathercasting.

I am a Professional Member of the AMS.

I served a 3 year term on the AMS Board of Broadcast Meteorology. I recently completed 5 years on the AMS Appeals Panel for AMS Seal and CBM candidates.

I have completed the NWS Doppler Radar (WSR 88-D radar) Learning Module.

I have completed more than 30 AMS Short Courses on topics such as Doppler radar, severe storms forecasting, hurricanes/tropical meteorology, climate change (6 courses), satellite meteorology, remote sensing, flooding events, lake effect snow and snow forecasting, and 12-15 online courses on varying topics from the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research

Experience

The Buffalo News

7 years 2 months

Serving as substitute evening meteorologist, WIVB, at frequent intervals
May 2016 - Present (7 years 2 months)
Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area

Regular correspondent on weather and climate for digital edition,
Buffalo News.

May 2016 - Present (7 years 2 months)
Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area

Regular Contributing Writer on Weather and Climate, occasional
personal essays

May 2016 - Present (7 years 2 months)
Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area

After 29 years as Chief Meteorologist WIVB (1984-88; 1991-2016), 3 years as
Chief, WGRZ (1988-91), and 2.5 years part time at WKBW, I am no longer in
broadcasting at this time. Previously, I'd worked in Detroit, Tampa, Wichita,
and Bangor.

Freelance substitute evening meteorologist, WIVB

July 2020 - November 2021 (1 year 5 months)
Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area

Recently retired from WIVB. Currently Freelance Writer, Buffalo
News

Freelance correspondent on Weather and Climate
May 2016 - Present (7 years 2 months)
Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area

I write 3 articles per week on weather and climate for the Buffalo News,
mainly online addition. Occasional additional articles during and prior to major
weather events. Occasional personal essays.

WKBW-TV

2 years 5 months

Weekend Meteorologist

August 2016 - December 2018 (2 years 5 months)
Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area

Weekend meteorologist, occasional weeknight fill-in work, and sometimes
brought in to assist in major weather event coverage

Weekend Meteorologist

August 2016 - December 2018 (2 years 5 months)
Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area

I am not employed in television at this time. I am available for voiceover and spokesperson work.

WIVB/WNLO-TV (Nexstar Media Group)

Chief Meteorologist

September 1984 - March 2016 (31 years 7 months)

Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area

Chief at WIVB 1984-88, Chief at WGRZ 1988-91, returned to WIVB in 1991

Education

Rutgers University–New Brunswick

Bachelor's degree · (1965 - 1969)

Rutgers University

Bachelor's degree