



## **CHAD MATTHEWS**

*President, ABC Owned Television Stations*

Chad Matthews, president, ABC Owned Television Stations, has chief management responsibility for the eight ABC owned television stations in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Houston, San Francisco, Raleigh-Durham and Fresno, and its ancillary businesses, “Live with Kelly and Mark,” “Localish” and “On The Red Carpet.” Under his purview, ABC Owned Television Stations was named Broadcasting & Cable’s “Station Group of the Year” for 2022 and is currently collectively the No. 1 local television station group in the country while also leading the nation in minutes streamed on digital platforms.

Previously, Matthews was president and general manager of WABC-TV; prior to that, he was the news director at WABC from 2018-2021. In that role, he oversaw the overall function of exclusive content creation and operations for WABC’s television and digital channels, and the launch of connected TV apps on Amazon Fire TV, Android TV, Apple TV and Roku. In 2020, he successfully transitioned the station to a remote workforce to produce Eyewitness News without interruption during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, finishing the year with the largest audience of any television station in the nation and carrying a wider margin of success than it had in 2019.

Matthews is a multi-award-winning news executive, receiving nine Emmy® Awards. In 2020, under his leadership, WABC-TV New York was awarded 17 Emmy Awards and three regional Edward R. Murrow awards for Overall Excellence, Best Newscast and Best News Documentary, including a national Murrow award for Best Newscast. [At the close of 2021, Broadcasting and Cable named Matthews GM of the Year for 2021.](#)

He serves on the board of directors of the Broadcasters Foundation, TVB and NAB Leadership Foundation. Matthews was honored at the 2023 annual benefit of the NYC nonprofit Dance to Unite, an organization he supports that provides free dance instruction to inner city youth. He’s a member of NLGJA: The Association of LGBTQ Journalists and serves as a senior adviser and executive champion on PRIDE at ABC News and ABC Owned Television Stations Business Employee Resource Group.

Matthews has an extensive background in local TV journalism and significantly in the tristate region. He started his career at WABC in 2000 and was later promoted to senior executive producer in 2002. He spent 12 years in senior roles for Eyewitness News and won both a Peabody Award in 2001 as the live control room producer for the station’s 9/11 coverage and an Emmy Award in 2007 for Best Evening Newscast. In 2012, Matthews temporarily left WABC for a five-year stint as assistant news director at NBC-owned WTVJ in South Florida. At WTVJ, he won another Emmy Award in 2017 for

breaking news coverage during the Fort Lauderdale airport shooting incident before returning to WABC as the assistant news director later that year.

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