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JOHN MUSSONI NAMED MANAGING EDITOR OF WHYY'S NEWS OPERATION IN WILMINGTON

Veteran Journalist Oversees First and WHYY'S FM, Web Reporting on Delaware

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18, 2009 — John Mussoni has been named managing editor of WHYY's news operation in Wilmington, Del.

A resident of New Castle, Del., Mussoni is in charge of WHYY's multimedia Delaware coverage. His responsibilities include *First*, a 30-minute news and information magazine program produced by WHYY-TV and dedicated to covering the First State. The program premiered Sept. 25. He also oversees WHYY's "Delaware News" Web page, WHYY.org/delaware, launched in early August and featuring in-depth coverage of public policy issues, and WHYY-FM's Delaware coverage.

Mussoni had served as interim managing editor since August and, from January to June, acting WHYY-TV news director.

"John has led the Wilmington staff through the transition from broadcasting *Delaware Tonight* to launching *First*," said Chris Satullo, WHYY executive director of News and Civic Dialogue. "His background and skills give him the experience needed to lead WHYY's Delaware news operation during a new era in serving the First State — on TV, FM and WHYY.org."

Before joining WHYY, Mussoni served as senior executive producer and executive producer at CN8 from March 2003 to January 2009. He was news director at WTXF-TV from February 1990 to July 2001 and assignment manager at WCAU-TV from 1983 to 1990. He was also assignment editor at WFSB-TV in Hartford, Conn., from 1980 to 1983. Mussoni graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Hosted by Stephanie Aldrich, Tom Byrne and Bill Cook, *First* features three in-depth stories and the roundtable discussions "First Person" and "State of Play." "First Person" features extensive interviews with newsmakers. "State of Play" features the show's hosts riffing about Delaware trends and news with invited guests. "First Experience," a look at the arts and culture community in Delaware, caps each episode. Content supplementary to the program is available at WHYY.org/delaware.

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