

## **Columbia Power & Water Systems Receives National Excellence in Programming Recognition for “Maury County Now”**

**COLUMBIA, Tenn.** – Columbia Power & Water Systems recently received recognition for its “Maury County Now” television program from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, placing second in the Magazine Format Series.

CPWS’ local Columbia TNTV television station also received an honorable mention for its *Lion Pride: Tomorrow’s Central High School* documentary.

The winners were announced during NATOA’s 30th Annual Government Programming Awards at the Hard Rock Hotel in San Diego, CA. The awards recognize excellence in broadcast, cable, multimedia and electronic programming produced by local government agencies.

“I am proud that Columbia and Maury County have access to this helpful and informative community service,” said CPWS Executive Director Wes Kelley. “Ross Jaynes and the entire team at ‘Maury County Now’ are very dedicated and community-minded individuals, working hard to ensure our citizens are better informed about the news and events of Maury County.”

NATOA received 800 entries from local governments across the country, covering a variety of programming including community events, documentaries, public affairs and public service, interviews, talk shows and election coverage. Among the awards with special significance are the “Excellence in Programming” awards, which recognize variety and programming quality throughout the year.

“Receiving this national achievement is a great honor for ‘Maury County Now’ and for our city,” said Columbia Mayor Dean Dickey. “I want to personally congratulate Columbia Power & Water Systems’ staff and thank all of those whose efforts help build a stronger, more connected community.”

“Maury County Now” is a bi-weekly television show dedicated to coverage of Columbia and Maury County news, events and community groups.