

Seasoned D.C. journalist to join WFAA, replacing retiring anchor John McCaa

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A longtime journalist from Washington, D.C., is set to take over for retiring WFAA-TV (Channel 8) anchor John McCaa next year.

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WFAA announced Monday that Chris Lawrence, who currently works at WRC-TV, NBC's D.C. affiliate, will join the station in January. He will co-anchor evening newscasts with Cynthia Izaguirre.

McCaa, who has worked for more than 42 years in television news and nearly 35 years at WFAA, announced his retirement this summer and will be leaving the station on March 1. In a tweet, he said that Lawrence will be "a welcome addition to our team."

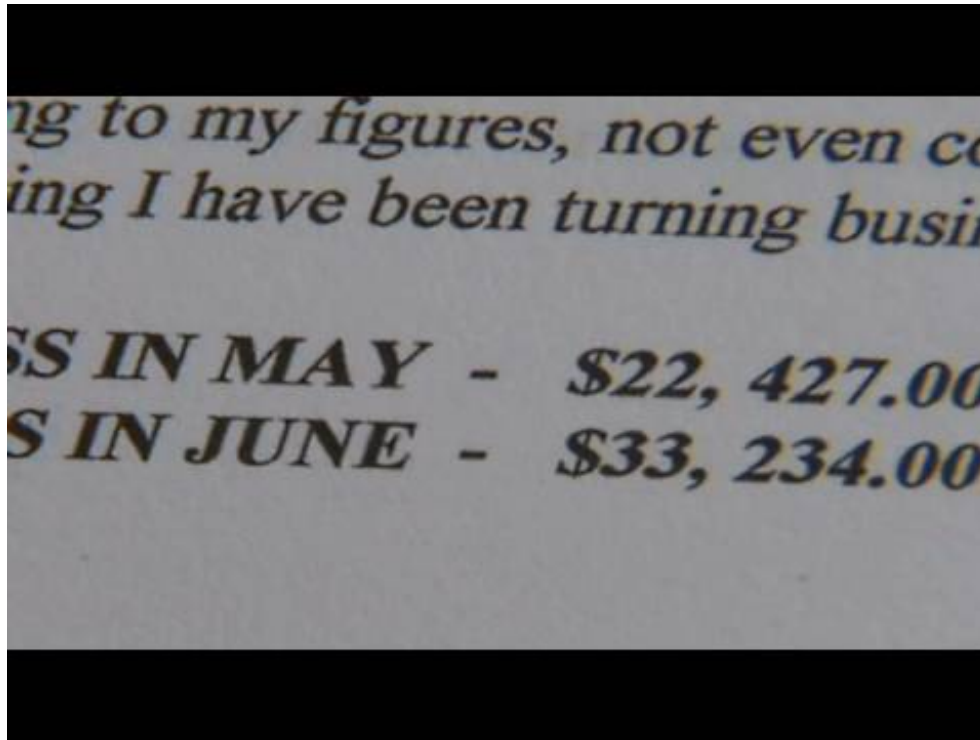
My congratulations to Chris Lawrence.. a welcome addition to our team

<https://t.co/VuTcFR7faR>

— johnmccaa (@johnmccaa) November 19, 2018

Lawrence joined WRC in 2014, after working for 10 years at CNN. He covered notable national stories including the BP oil spill, California wildfires, Boston Marathon bombing, the Michael Jackson trial and Hurricane Katrina. Lawrence's reporting in New Orleans contributed to a Peabody Award that CNN won for its coverage.

Lawrence also has worked for for WXYZ-TV in Detroit, WTVH-TV in Syracuse, N.Y., and WDBB-TV in Tuscaloosa, Ala., as well as CBS Newspath.



Watch Video At: <https://youtu.be/KINrdFI9Qk0>

"We are pleased to welcome Chris and his family to WFAA and North Texas," Brad Ramsey, WFAA's president and general manager, said in a statement. "Chris' resume speaks for itself, as he has covered some of the most impactful stories of our time, but we are most excited about his ability to connect with the local audience and his interest in helping WFAA continue to lead the way on innovation."





John McCaa (WFAA-TV)

McCaa announced his decision to retire on Facebook in August, letting North Texans know they'd no longer see his familiar face on the evening news.

"Am I ready? In some ways yes, in some ways no," he said. "Management has graciously asked me to stay longer; I've politely declined."

According to [KERA](#), McCaa's retirement plans include spending more time with his wife, Nora, participating in community work and teaching at the university level.

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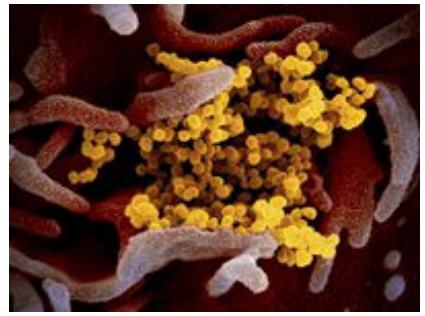
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