

Jim Ruddle

Jim Ruddle rejoined WMAQ-TV in May, 1978, following a tour with NBC News as a network correspondent. He served as a general assignment reporter and co-anchor on NewsCenter5's 6:00 Report.

He has received several Chicago Emmy awards for both general news reporting and investigative reporting. "Strip and Search," which he reported with WMAQ-TV's UNIT5, won a Peabody Award for investigative journalism.

Ruddle began his broadcasting career as a play-by-play baseball announcer for a small Kansas radio station. He enlisted for a three year term in the U.S. Coast Guard, where he served as a radio operator. On leaving the service, he returned to his hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and began working in television news at KOTV-TV. Later, he worked for a Mexican radio station and for radio and televisions in Albuquerque, New Mexico, while attending graduate school at the University of New Mexico.

He was co-anchor of the early evening news at WTVT-TV in Tampa, Florida from 1963-1965, while also teaching American Studies at the University of South Florida.

Ruddle came to Chicago in 1965, as co-anchor of the early and late evening newscasts at WGN-TV and he remained there until 1967, when he first came to WMAQ-TV as a reporter. Shortly thereafter, he became the anchor of the Midnight Report, and then the 5:00 News, which he anchored until he left WMAQ-TV in 1975.

A past president of the Chicago Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Ruddle is a member of several professional journalistic and academic organizations.