**John Hoffman, Vice President and News Director of WTVT FOX 13 Tampa Bay, has just announced that he will retire effective February 2025**. He has been in this role since 2010, and with WTVT since 1987. Hoffman also held his first role in broadcasting as an intern at the station during his senior year of college at the University of South Florida. (Career highlights detailed below)

**Quote from John Hoffman:**

"My focus has always been the consumer. Local News continues to evolve but what remains constant is maintaining a connection with our audience through serving them the information they need. This focus keeps us grounded and true to our mission. This philosophy guides our newsroom to success and has established our reputation as a trusted source of information. I've been blessed with a newsroom full of experienced professionals who hold the station's reputation close to their hearts. Because I grew up at WTVT, I never felt like the boss—more like a member of the team. This created an atmosphere of collaboration and family. The Tampa Bay community has been my home, and this station has been my family. Together, we've told stories that matter, made a difference, and connected with people in meaningful ways. In retirement, I look forward to spending time with my real family, traveling and having some time out of the hotseat."

**Quote from Jeff Maloney, Senior Vice President and Regional General Manager of FOX Television Stations' Florida properties, which consists of WTVT FOX 13 Tampa Bay, WOFL FOX 35 Orlando, FOX 35 Plus WRBW, and WOGX FOX 51 in Gainesville:**

"For nearly four decades, John Hoffman has been a driving force behind the success and evolution of WTVT/FOX13, fostering connections with the Tampa Bay community and setting a standard of excellence in local news coverage. Starting as an intern in 1985 to now serving as VP News Director, John has consistently prioritized our audience. Under his leadership the station has expanded newscasts and created a streaming presence in the market. Throughout John's distinguished career, he has embodied the values of hard work, dedication, and service to the community. The sense of teamwork and collaboration within the newsroom has been a cornerstone of his leadership. He is a trusted advisor and will be greatly missed. We wish him much success in his retirement."

**JOHN HOFFMAN CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**

- 1985: Began as an intern at WTVT during senior year at the University of South Florida.
- 1985-1987: Held first television job at WTOG, working in various newsroom roles, including assignment desk, research, and field producing.

- 1987: Joined WTVT as an Associate Producer/News Writer, then a CBS affiliate, before being promoted through several key roles, including Weekend Producer, Noon Producer, 6 PM Producer, and Executive Producer. (In 1994, WTVT became what is now considered a FOX Television owned-and-operated Station)
- 2000: Named Assistant News Director at WTVT.
- 2010: Appointed Vice President and News Director, leading the newsroom with integrity, innovation, and a strong sense of purpose.