KIRO 7 assignment editor Steve Konen retired October 14. He began his career at KIRO in December 1998. Before KIRO, he worked at various stations, KOMO being one.

I first worked with Steve when I was the 11pm producer at KIRO in the early 2000s, then again most recently as news director.

I'm fortunate I was able to work with him twice in my career.

Below was my note to the newsroom announcing his retirement.

Thanks for shining a light on the unsung heroes of our newsroom-

With a heavy heart, but also with a lot of love and admiration, I want to share that our colleague Steve Konen has decided to retire and spend his days doing what he loves, with those he loves most.

Steve is calling it quits after 24 years with KIRO and countless more in the Seattle market. Steve is a giant in our local news market, having worked at several stations during his career in various positions, including management.

The gruff but charming hero of our newsroom, Steve has covered every major story that has hit our region, there is no doubt we will miss his knowledge and his experience. He made so many of us better journalists, myself included.

Thank you, Steve.

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