



## Emcee

### **John Lauritsen**

*WCCO-TV Reporter and Montevideo Native*

John Lauritsen is a reporter from Montevideo, Minn. He joined WCCO-TV in late-July of 2007. Two days after he started, the Interstate 35W bridge collapsed.

Before his television career, John graduated from Montevideo Senior High School and received a Master's degree in mass communications from St. Cloud State University. He credits growing up on a farm and going to school in a small town with helping him become the reporter he is today. He began his career at KSAX-TV in Alexandria, before moving to Waterloo, IA, where he worked for KWWL-TV. John also worked at Channel 12 in Brooklyn Park before coming to WCCO-TV. He has been a reporter, anchor, sports reporter, sports anchor, editor, producer and photographer during his television career.

During his time at WCCO-TV, John has covered a variety of stories. He has reported on everything from floods to tornadoes to blizzards that have dumped nearly two feet of snow on Minnesota. You can also find John covering a crime story, a fire, a human interest story, or a sporting event. In 2009, John received an Emmy for a story he did on a high school wrestler who survived the Cottonwood bus crash.

John's favorite stories are those that highlight a special moment in someone's life. In 2008 he reported on a soldier who came home from Iraq and surprised his daughter at her volleyball game. Though he isn't a fan of snakes, John reported on Minnesota's only poisonous snake population in southeastern Minnesota and he managed not to get bit in the process.

John lives in Maple Grove with his wife and daughter, Harlow.