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EXPERIENCE

The Dallas Morning News

Public Safety Reporter

May 2024 - present

- Reporting deep enterprise and daily news on public safety topics in North Texas while serving as the primary beat reporter covering the Dallas Police Department and Dallas Fire-Rescue.
- Driving breaking news coverage while delivering follow-up stories to remain the authority on the subject, often with records and source reporting.
- Previously served as a breaking-news reporter, leading coverage of major stories including the Frisco track-meet stabbing, the fatal shooting of a Dallas police officer and a fire that destroyed a historic downtown Dallas church.

Austin American-Statesman

Transportation Reporter

June 2023 - May 2024

- Reported on the intersection of local government and transportation in Austin, including coverage of CapMetro and the city's troubled rollout of Project Connect, a voter-approved initiative to expand public transit with the city's first light-rail system.
- Reported authoritatively on near-misses and fatal ground crew accidents at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, informing national discussions on airport and airspace safety amid a post-pandemic surge in air traffic.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Enterprise Reporter

February 2022 - June 2023

- Covered local government, politics and environment with a focus on the Port of Corpus Christi and TxDOT's troubled \$1.2 billion Harbor Bridge Replacement Project. My reporting led to improved transparency practices at the port and examined how the bridge's construction displaced residents of historic Black neighborhoods.

Victoria Advocate

Breaking News & Public Safety Reporter

November 2020 - January 2022

- Covered crime and courts while producing daily news, enterprise reporting, features and general-assignment coverage, including weekend events.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication and Journalism, Texas State University. Graduated Magna Cum Laude in May 2020. Served as News Editor of The University Star, the campus newspaper.

Skills: Freedom of Information Act and Texas Public Information Act requests; PACER; judicial systems; basic data analysis and data visualization programs; AP style; headline writing; SEO and social media best practices; guest appearances on radio/podcasts to promote reporting.

Professional Development: Participating in regular training offerings from Investigative Reporters and Editors as a member; Trusting News Trust 101 online course, completed Spring 2021; First Draft online misinformation and disinformation courses, 2020 Student Network.

AWARDS

Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas 2026

- Spirit of FOI Award, Class AA, for the Roseland investigation.

Texas Association of Managing Editors 2026

- Diana R. Fuentes Freedom of Information Award, 3rd Place in Class 3A

Texas Association of Managing Editors 2024

- Freedom of Information, 1st Place in Class 2A

Judge's comment: "It was clear the commission intended to keep this publicly funded payment a secret and spent weeks trying to thwart the Caller-Times' efforts to expose it. Ultimately, the news organization's tenacity paid off and the public was able to see how the Port was spending its money. The news organization is to be commended for its thorough watchdogging of an organization deserving of such scrutiny."

Fort Worth SPJ, 1st Amendment Awards (2024)

- 1st Place in the Investigative Category for coverage of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority's attempts to withhold the terms of a \$1.6 million separation agreement with its outgoing CEO, one of the highest-paid seaport executives in the country.

Texas Association of Managing Editors 2023

- Star Reporter of the Year, 1st Place in Class 2A

Judge's comment: "Chase has a knack for identifying important community issues and digging deep to find the real story. He goes well beyond the specific court case or public policy and tells in colorful detail how residents, families and businesses are affected. The variety of topics Chase covered during 2022 is also a testament to his versatility. He has a bright future in Texas journalism."

- Specialty Reporting, 2nd Place in Class 2A
- Business Reporting, 2nd Place in Class 2A
- Freedom of Information, 3rd Place in Class 2A

Fort Worth SPJ, 1st Amendment Awards (Announced May 2023)

- 2nd Place in the "Defending the Disadvantaged" category for solutions-oriented coverage of Nueces County's overpopulated corrections system.