

PROFILE | **Steven J. Schupak**

Executive Vice President
& Station Manager



Steven Schupak joined Maryland Public Television's executive team in 2003 after a two-decade career in television and media. He was named station manager in January 2021.

The promotion to station manager recognized an expansion of his planning, content, operations, and financial oversight responsibilities, leadership in growing the public TV network's position as a digital content provider, as well as his additional institutional and public-facing duties. Mr. Schupak had previously served as chief operating officer since 2014.

MPT has earned numerous television industry honors during his tenure for productions including *Chesapeake Bay Week*® programming, *Maryland Vietnam War Stories*, *Maryland Farm & Harvest*, *Star-Spangled Spectacular: The Bicentennial of our National Anthem*, *Steven Raichlen's Project Smoke*, and *MotorWeek*. Among MPT's regional Emmy® Awards are the 2017 Overall Excellence award, and a pair of Community Service awards, presented both in 2017 in recognition of its MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans initiative and in 2018 for its *Breaking Heroin's Grip: Road to Recovery* documentary.

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences' National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter inducted Mr. Schupak into its prestigious Silver Circle in 2020. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the broadcast or cable industry for 25 years or more.

Prior to joining MPT, Mr. Schupak served as vice president at Henninger Media Services, running the firm's production and distribution group and supplying major cable networks and international markets with award-winning programming. He also worked at Eon Corporation (formerly TV Answer), a pioneering interactive TV firm, and at COMSAT Video Enterprises, developing and producing content for subscription and pay-per-view video services. Still earlier he was events director at the National Cable Television Association.

Mr. Schupak launched his TV career at ABC Television Network, initially as a production manager for projects ranging from *World News Tonight*, *Monday Night Baseball*, and Dick Clark's *Rockin' Eve* to the men's *U.S. Open* and *The America's Cup Race*. He later served as production manager for the 1986 *Liberty Weekend Statue of Liberty Celebration*.

He is an alumnus of the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University where he earned a bachelor's of fine arts degree in film and television. He also holds a master's degree in marketing from the Graduate School of Management & Technology at the University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) and was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2019, the highest alumni award bestowed at UMGC.

He is member of the board of directors of Olney Theatre Center and a 2019 graduate of Leadership Maryland. Mr. Schupak resides in Potomac, Maryland, with his family.



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