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The 10 O'Clock News on the local Fox network affiliate will sign off until November tonight - and almost all workers at WUHF-TV (Channel 31) will either have a new employer or be laid off.

Under an agreement between the two stations' parent companies, WROC-TV (Channel 8), the local CBS affiliate, will manage most functions, including news, for WUHF.

Tim Busch, senior vice president and regional manager for WROC parent Nexstar Broadcasting, said Channel 8 hired 26 people, including four news staffers, from the Fox station, increasing its own work force by 25 percent.

Busch said he didn't know how many people WUHF employed, but photojournalist Brendan McDonough said there were more than 50.

Many heading to work on Tuesday, including McDonough, said they were surprised at the management agreements.

"It was very shocking," said McDonough, 31. "Every one of us has given everything to this station. For them to give us a week's notice is just wrong."

Ty Chandler, weekend anchor at WUHF, will move over to WROC. "I look forward to the challenges I will face working for both stations," she said.

WUHF Vice President and General Manager Matt Kreiner declined comment, and officials from WUHF's owner, Maryland-based Sinclair Broadcasting Co., could not be reached.

But Busch said that the new agreement should strengthen both stations' news, events planning and advertising departments and allow them to produce stronger programming.

With the advent of cable, Internet and other media outlets, there is increased competition for local stations, said Arnold Klinsky, vice president and general manager of WHEC-TV (Channel 10). "Are we all fighting for the dollars? You bet," he said.

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