**Thema Ponton**

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TV Talent Agents

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**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

• Emmy award-winning, personable, authoritative anchor.

• Expert anchor at breaking news.

• Veteran severe conditions anchor and reporter.

• Active live shot reporter.

**BROADCASTING EXPERIENCE**

**Weekend Morning Anchor/Reporter November 2013 to November 30, 2016**

**WISN, Milwaukee, WI**

• Experienced anchor with tremendous range.

• Extensive experience anchoring live breaking news, including:

-Breaking into programming for extended live coverage of Milwaukee violence, fires and deadly police shooting on 8-15-16.

-Breaking into programming when a suspect who shot a police officer resulted in a 24-hour federal manhunt on 6-20-15.

-Breaking into programming for unprecedented full freeway shutdown in Milwaukee after a shooting on 12-9-15.

• Urgent live reporter and field anchor.

• Active on social media to develop and promote station content.

• Strong community involvement.

**Weekend Anchor/Reporter April 2010 to October 2013**

**WMTW, Portland, ME**

• Prime fill-in anchor for weekday newscasts.

• Breaking news reporter.

• Active live shot reporter.

• Specializing in severe conditions reporting, including Tropical Storms Sandy/Irene/Earl, earthquakes, numerous tornadoes and intense Northeast blizzards with non-stop coverage.

**Weekend Anchor/City and County Reporter April 2007 to April 2010**

**WBTW, Myrtle Beach, SC**

• Weekend anchor responsible for increased ratings.

• Lead reporter on many national breaking news stories, including the Sofa Superstore fire that left nine firefighters dead.

• Severe conditions reporting, including Tropical Storm Hanna with non-stop coverage.

• Specialized in complex government and political reporting.

**Special Contract Reporter March 2003 to December 2005**

**WPGH, Pittsburgh, PA**

• Reporter specialized in breaking news in DMA 23.

• Active live shot reporter

• Special emphasis in military reporting.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

• 2016 Emmy winner-Anchoring in newscast nominated for Outstanding Achievement for News Programming, WISN-TV.

• 2016 Emmy nomination-Reporting in newscast nominated for Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering-Spot News, WISN-TV.

• 2015 Emmy nomination-Reporting in newscast nominated for Outstanding Achievement for Morning Newscast, WISN-TV.

• 2015 Service to the community award from Milwaukee's Lloyd Barbee Montessori.

**LEADERSHIP/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

• Active community volunteer, with involvement in and recognition from numerous charitable organizations, including the American Cancer Society.

• Request and recurring host/emcee at annual events.

**TECHNICAL EXPERTISE**

• Adobe Premiere

• Avid

• ENPS

**EDUCATION**

Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL

Major: English, Minor: Broadcast Journalism