# Alan Cohn

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# **Experience**

Anchor Reporter, WOIO, Cleveland, OH

January 2019 - Present

# Anchor/Managing Editor/Investigative Reporter, WWSB, Sarasota, FL August 2015 – January 2019

■ Helped create and launch 7pm news on ABC affiliate. Anchor and managing editor of newscast featuring news headlines, investigative reporting, politics, and nightly roundtable discussions on the days developments. Direct and manage staff of producers and reporters with story direction, writing, editorial content. Conduct live interviews with newsmakers including presidential candidates, Senators, members of Congress.

#### Candidate, United States Congress

### August 2013 – November 2014

■ Democratic nominee for Congress in Florida's 15th Congressional District. Endorsed by Democratic National Committee Chair Debbie Wasserman-Schultz. Described by Creative Loafing as "An impressive candidate all around," and "The best Democrat to run for this seat in over a decade."

#### **President, AMC Productions**

### **May 2012 - November 2014**

Owner of television production company that produced marketing video for the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. Credited by Visit Tampa Bay for producing a marketing video that won Tampa the National Sheriff's Association convention worth \$ 2.5 million dollars to the local economy.

# Chief Investigative Reporter, WFTS, Tampa, FL

#### **August 2009 - May 2012**

Award winning investigative reporter at ABC Tampa affiliate. Uncovered defective parts were getting through quality assurance system of local company making 40mm grenades for U.S. military. Discovered State Senator owned an undisclosed vacation home paid for by wealthy businessman. Exposed local man passing himself off as recipient of the Navy Cross despite never serving in the military. Revealed illegal transfers of star football players to state champion high school football team.

## Investigative Reporter, WTNH, New Haven, CT

### **August 2001 – June 2009**

Peabody Award winning investigative reporter and anchor at ABC Connecticut affiliate. Discovered faulty parts were being installed on Blackhawk Helicopters. Exposed state DMV employees illegally selling drivers licenses on black market. Revealed major holes in security on Metro North commuter trains going into New York City.

# Freelance Correspondent, NBC Newschannel

May 2001 - July 2001

■ Freelance correspondent for NBC Newschannel. Covered major breaking news stories and did live shots for NBC owned stations and affiliates across the country.

#### Investigative Reporter, WAMI, Miami, FL

**April 1999 – April 2001** 

■ Emmy Award winning investigative reporter and anchor at USA Network flagship. Won back benefits for forgotten Vietnam veteran.

### Investigative/Political/GA Reporter, New England Cable News, Boston, MAJune 1993 – March 1999

■ Emmy Award winning investigative, political, and general assignment reporter. Uncovered story of a convicted killer attempting to become a Boston police officer. Received front page byline in Boston Globe for revealing allegations of a police beating and cover up.

#### **Education**

### Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism

### FBI Citizens Academy, Tampa, FL

Nominated to participate in 8 week FBI program for community leaders which included courses taught by FBI agents in the areas of counter terrorism, espionage, public corruption, white collar, and cyber crime.

#### **Awards**

- GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY AWARD
  - There is no question of the national importance of WTNH's Team 8 unit's investigation of rumors of quality-control problems at the Sikorsky plant in Stratford, Conn. WTNH's three-year pursuit of the story never stalled, even though Sikorsky is among the region's largest employers. Their efforts entailed securing internal corporate documents, interviewing production employees concerned about out-sourced parts and petitioning the Department of Defense for records under the Freedom of Information Act. The investigation culminated in 2006 with Sikorsky acknowledging its problem. For enterprise and persistence in reporting and helping to safeguard U.S. military personnel, "Defective Parts on Black Hawk Helicopters" receives a Peabody Award."
- 2010 National Headliner Award "A Tampa Case of Stolen Valor
- 2010 Society of Professional Journalists Award "A Tampa Case of Stolen Valor"
- 2011 Florida Associated Press Award for Investigative Reporting and Best in Show for "Jim Norman Investigation"
- 2009 Boston/New England Emmy Award "Courage and the Moto Cross Legend"
- 2004 Boston/New England Emmy Award for Outstanding Investigative Reporting "Blackhawk Helicopter Production Problems"
- 2000 Suncoast Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement in Reporting "Everglades Vet"
- 1999 Edward R. Murrow Award for Outstanding Investigative Reporting "The Thin Blue Lie"
- 1998 Boston/New England Emmy Award for Outstanding Investigative Reporting "From Killer to Cop"