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### **VOP-TV videos win national programming awards**

Original programs produced by [VOP-TV](#), the Village of Oak Park's municipal cable television station, were big winners in national competition, garnering three first place awards for individual productions and finishing third in overall programming.

*Operation Problem Child*, a profile of a drill to assess the [Oak Park Department of Public Health's](#) ability to dispense medication to the entire community, won first place in the public safety category, while the [Business Buzz](#), a regular how-to program featuring local businesses, took top honors in the public information series category. A public service announcement featuring a giant turkey promoting last season's free holiday parking, won first place for the use of humor.

Oak Park's VOP-TV also earned a third place in overall excellence for the wide variety of programming aired throughout the year.

VOP-TV Manager Joe Kreml produces, films and edits all Village of Oak Park videos, many of which feature municipal employees and residents in a wide variety of roles. Kreml's videos have won more than two dozen industry awards since he joined the Village's [Office of Communications & Cable TV](#) in 2001.

The awards were presented by the [National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors \(NATOA\)](#), a non-profit professional association that recognizes the accomplishments of municipal television stations through annual programming awards.

More than 800 entries were submitted this year by municipal television station operators from 21 states and Canada. The awards, announced Saturday in New Orleans, recognize excellence in broadcast, cable, multimedia and electronic programming produced by local government agencies.

In addition to broadcasting public information programs such as these most recent award winners, the station produces public service announcements, broadcasts [Village Board meetings](#) and airs information on government related services and events.

Emergency information also can be found on VOP-TV, which is broadcast on Comcast channel six and AT&T Uverse channel 99. In addition, many VOP-TV original programs are posted on *YouTube* at [www.youtube.com/vopnews](http://www.youtube.com/vopnews).

For more information on VOP-TV programming, call 708.358.5775 or email [village@oak-park.us](mailto:village@oak-park.us).

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