

Cooper Banks has been working in radio for nearly 15 years now.

An in depth education in the Broadcasting and Film degree program at the University of Central Missouri laid a professional foundation and helped Cooper refine his natural ability early on.

After starting his career in 2004 as an afternoon DJ at KWKJ in Warrensburg, MO, Cooper was quickly thrust into news management in 2006 when he was hired on to be the News Director for KMXL/KDMO in Joplin, MO.

During his time with KMXL/KDMO, Cooper quickly grew a fondness and passion for news coverage and public service.

After two years serving listeners in the Joplin market, Cooper decided it was time to make the transition to large market radio, taking a position with KMBZ in Kansas City as a Producer, Reporter, and News Anchor. This is where his talents were first truly noticed by broadcast journalists who could help Cooper grow into news broadcasting even further.

In late 2010, Cooper decided it was time for a change and accepted a morning news anchor position in far away Pensacola, FL. This is where he flourished and established himself as a premier on-air news talent.

Along with making a name for himself in Northwest Florida, Cooper became a regular contributor for Fox News Radio, he made an appearance on "Nancy Grace", and he led a news department which accumulated 2 Regional "Edward R. Murrow" awards for continuing news coverage, and other accolades.

Cooper, also a 2-time winner of the Florida Associated Press Broadcasters "Best Newscast" award, took some time away from radio and ended up transitioning to Television -- working for a short time as a News Producer at WEAR-TV in Pensacola.

His passion for radio still burning bright, Cooper is now looking forward to serving listeners once again -- this time in Portland, OR after taking an exciting opportunity to co-anchor "Portland's Afternoon News" on KXL.