

### THE PRESS RELEASE FORMAT

### Headline

Highlight the main news point

## Intro / Lead

Start with a BANG! Aim to answer as many of the 5 W's as possible in your 1<sup>st</sup> sentence (Who, What, When, Where, & Why)

#### Source

If you have not already done so, answer the question: "How do I know?" This provides credibility

#### **Essentials**

This includes why the story is significant, the perspective. Here you answer the questions: "So what?" & "How?"

#### **Quotes**

Give the release some life & add quotes

# **Contact Information**

Make sure to include name(s) and contact info for individuals who can provide information to the media

# Anything Else?

Is there anything else important that's missing? Perhaps a boilerplate message on your organization

#### The End

Type "End" at the end

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