

TV News: FOX Cancels 'The Chicago Code,' 'Lie to Me,' 'Human Target'

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CHICAGO – For weeks now, we've been trying to predict what the networks would do with their bubble shows when they announced their fall schedules next week. Well, Kevin Reilly of FOX decided to burst all of the bubbles at his network under cover of night, as news broke very late last night that "The Chicago Code," "Human Target," "Lie To Me," "Traffic Light," and "Breaking In" will be absent from the upcoming 2011-12 schedule.



The Chicago Code
Photo credit: FOX

FOX clearly wanted to get a jump on announcements, renewing "Family Guy" and "The Cleveland Show" on Monday, renewing "House" on Tuesday, and cleaning house later that night.

Things looked tentative for "The Chicago Code" for weeks, as we outlined in [this feature](#) [20] that was clearly a bit too optimistic about the chances for the Shawn Ryan program. Honestly, we never held out much hope for the other four programs shown the door.

A number of things might have happened here. The numbers on "Chicago Code" definitely played a factor, as it slid week to week, notching a series-low on May 2nd, a day probably very close to when decisions were being made. As mentioned in the feature, it's also as-yet-unclear how many hours FOX will devote to "The X Factor." If it expanded by even one from our prediction, "The Chicago Code" was a goner.

But the final nail in the coffin was what looks like a strong development slate. FOX also announced in the wee hours of the night that they have picked up three new series — J.J. Abrams mystery “Alcatraz,” a spin-off of “Bones” called “The Finder,” and a comedy starring Zooey Deschanel called “The New Girl.” Another comedy called “I Hate My Teenage Daughter” is also being reported as picked up by the net.

We’ll know more about what will air and when on Monday when they officially announce their schedule. Come back to HollywoodChicago.com for all the news as it breaks.



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