



Media Announcement

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Lost Minds: KC's Mental Health Crisis Airs Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 8pm

This thirty-minute documentary will expose the mental health crisis that grips Kansas City as seen through the eyes of the police, who are often the emergency responders first on the scene when someone goes into crisis.

Through ride-alongs, we will see what they deal with on our streets and in our communities as the care system fails to reach those in need. As one officer poignantly tells us: *'It's almost like we're putting duct tape on an airplane. We know at some point that the wings are going to fall off but you're expected to keep on flying and flying and flying, and it's dangerous.'*

We will also spend time with number community mental health liaisons, a new position created by Governor Jay Nixon last year to reduce the risk of a mass shooting happening here. We will see how the liaisons are overwhelmed and underfunded, to the point where they can only make visits to the dangerously disturbed when local police can free up time to accompany them. Visits that should be made every day can only happen once every two weeks, or once every month, if at all.

'I wanted to avoid sit-down interviews', says filmmaker Michael Price. 'The idea was to drop the camera right onto the frontline of the story, and have the audience witness up close what the police and liaisons are dealing with as they try to patch up a system that's broken.'

Funding for "LOST MINDS: KC's Mental Health Crisis" is provided in part by the Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

For more information on the documentary visit kcpt.org/lostminds

Tune in to "Up to Date" Tuesday, September 30 at 10 a.m. on KCUR, 98.9FM to hear an interview with the filmmaker.

Rebroadcasts: Thursday, October 2 at 9pm; Sunday, October 5 at 4pm

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