HOLD YOUR FIRE

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Lethal encounters between police and the mentally ill are all too common: dozens of Canadian families have lost a loved one in a police shooting, often minutes or even seconds after officers arrive on the scene.

Hold Your Fire reveals who these individuals were, aside from their illness and from the tragedy that ended their lives. The film deconstructs deadly scenarios to show how police training and response to people in crisis went off track – and how progressive police forces are striving to get onto a better path.

Can police be trained to hold their fire?

Thursday, January 21st at 9pm/9:30 NT on CBC FIRSTHAND

Watch an Excerpt

