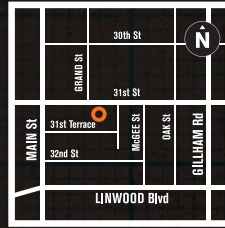


The **KCTV5** tower at 125 E. 31st Street, stands tall above Kansas City PBS' office and is an eye-catching landmark in Kansas City. Below are some facts about the tower you can share with your friends.



ICE THREAT



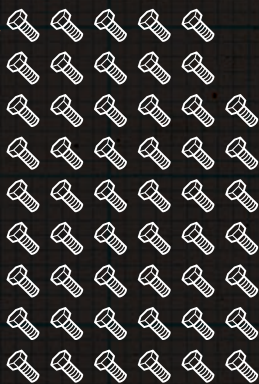
In cold weather, ice occasionally develops on the tower then falls off in chunks. It's a time of caution for area residents, cars, and houses.

**1,360
25-WATT**



= 40 bulbs

**26,000
BOLTS**



= 500 bolts

40 min
CLIMB to the TOP
to change bulb



**TV
ANTENNA
86 ft**

**TOWER
956 ft**

**TOTAL
HEIGHT
1,042 ft**

1955

KCTV5 announced that its tower would be the world's largest self-supporting tower. Construction began that year.

1956

KCMO-TV (KCTV5's previous name) began transmitting from the tower.

1972

Two members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War group climbed the tower and stayed at its top for 14 ½ hours.

1973

During the energy crisis, the KCTV5 tower went dark for about a year. The lights would be turned on briefly in the evening, then extinguished, giving the citizens a vivid reminder to conserve energy.

1977

KCTV5 moved to Fairway, KS and Kansas City PBS found its new home under the tower.

1989

KCTV5 turned the tower into America's tallest weather forecaster: when the tower's lights flashed upward, the next day was predicted to be warmer, and when the lights flashed downward, a cooler day was ahead. Forecasting lasted a couple of years. High maintenance costs did it in.

600 TONS

TOTAL WEIGHT