

TRANSFORM 911

Ten Things You Can Do Right Now

Take the survey landing in your inbox soon: We need to hear from YOU.

➤ COLLABORATE:

1. Sign up (via [email](#))¹ for our upcoming “Working for Change” event to join with colleagues to make local changes based on the Blueprint-- whether that’s within your ECC or neighborhood, or helping to create the Caller Bill of Rights.

➤ ACTIVATE:

2. Reach out to local mental health crisis centers and [volunteer to help](#).²
3. Share the Blueprint with three people you think should see it. You can share the whole thing or zoom in on one recommendation you’re passionate about.
4. Organize a listening session where community members can speak to 911 professionals about what’s working, their concerns, and strategies to improve communication.

➤ ADVOCATE:

5. Call your federal and state representatives to advocate for 911 professionals to be reclassified as “public safety responders” through the [911 Saves Act](#).³

➤ EDUCATE:

6. Find out if your ECC offers tours or open houses. If they do, go, and bring a friend. If they don’t, offer to help organize one.
7. Learn about the boundaries of the 911 centers in your area on the “Initiatives Map.”⁴
8. Sign up (via email)⁵ to be notified of the release of “The State of our Emergencies,” nine, eleven-minute-long conversations about the 911 system, hosted by Sara Hayden.

➤ ELEVATE:

9. Get on the map: Help us meaningfully track progress! Explore our “[Initiatives Map](#)”⁶ for initiatives near you and let us know about other great work in your area that could be featured.
10. Raise the profile of the 911 Professionals in your community:
 - Invite them to speak at your local elementary school, or table at high school career days.
 - However your community or city honors local heroes, nominate 911 professionals.
 - Organize a local listening session where 911 professionals share what their job is like and how community members can help make 911 stronger.
 - Celebrate [National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week](#)⁷ during the second week in April each year. Hang a banner, write an op-ed, send a thank you.

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² <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988/jobs>

³ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2351/actions>

⁴ <https://www.transform911.org/resource-hub/#initiativesMap>

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⁷ <https://www.npstw.org/>

Have another idea? Let us know how you’d like to be involved: transform911@uchicago.edu.