



Things move fast in 9-1-1.

Particularly communications technology, which is evolving at warp speed. This presents a double-edged sword. The rapid evolutionary pace continually presents new opportunities to implement advanced capabilities that were not available, or even conceivable, just a short time before. But that pace also makes it far more challenging to stay ahead of opportunities as they emerge—it is incredibly easy to fall behind the discovery curve.

The Early Adopter Summit (EAS), scheduled for November 16 - 18, 2026 in Grapevine, Texas, is designed to not only keep attendees on top of developments concerning 9-1-1 communications technology, but also provide them with an opportunity to lead the evolution.

Early adopters are visionaries, and when they embrace a new technology, others pay attention. In fact, when they adopt a technology, it sends a clear signal that the innovation is for real.

The EAS will bring together public safety's most innovative and forward-looking thinkers who will share their collective thought-leadership and experiences. Attendees will discover new pathways for achieving the NG9-1-1 migration.

Participating in the EAS provides the following opportunities:

- Share with peers from across the sector and the nation the exciting things you are doing
- Hear and discuss what others are doing and compare notes

- Share thoughts with peers concerning the future direction of 9-1-1 service
- Collaborate with other 9-1-1 leaders to push the industry to develop needed and desired functionality to improve emergency response
- Learn about the disruptive forces—which are a natural byproduct of technology evolution—that currently exist or are coming into play from those who are introducing or investigating the disruption
- Learn from other early adopter’s tactics for staying ahead of the discovery curve, moving forward technologically before industry standards and best practices are established, and overcoming the challenges associated with being a technology trailblazer
- Identify opportunities to partner with other jurisdictions to share ideas, costs, and efforts to achieve a common goal

Participants will be introduced to innovations happening around the country that may benefit constituents in your jurisdiction. The agenda will be made up of 15-minute lightning talk presentations on the latest strategies and technologies affecting 9-1-1.

Join us at the EAS this November for a glimpse into the future of 9-1-1!