

Responding to Emergencies without Dialing 911

A Resource Guide

Further Reading:

Articles & Blogs

- ["An Alternative to Police that Police Can Get Behind"](#) by Rowan Moore Gerety
- ["Sending Specialists to Handle Mental Health Crises, not Police Officers"](#) by Steven Ross Johnson
- ["Call 911 for a Counselor? Oakland will Pilot One Alternative to Police"](#) by Natalie Orenstein
- ["Dallas Works to Avoid Sending People in Crises to Emergency Rooms or Jails"](#) by Tiffany Russell & Alyssa Doom
- ["If the Police Aren't Needed, Let's Leave Them Out Completely"](#) by Matt Vasilogambros
- ["How I Became a Police Abolitionist"](#) by Derecka Purnell
- ["Judge Throws Out Case of East Bay Transgender Woman's In-Custody Death"](#) by Angela Ruggiero
- ["Community Organizers Teach De-escalation 101"](#) by Pat Nabong

Book Recommendations

- [Are Prisons Obsolete?](#) by Angela Davis
- [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) by Michelle Alexander
- [The End of Policing](#) by Alex Vitale



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Ongoing Learning:

Watch & Listen

- Webinar Series: [#WeTakeCareOfUs](#) by Justice Teams
- Video: [Defund Police](#) by Project NIA
- NPR Report: ["In Denver, This Program Helps Reroute 911 Calls to Police Alternatives"](#)

Explore

- [Don't Call The Police: A National List of Community-Based Alternatives to Police by City](#)

Getting Involved

Local Campaigns & Projects

- [CAHOOTS](#) (Eugene, OR)
- [MH First](#) (Oakland, CA)
- [Equality for Flatbush](#) (New York City, NY)
- [Black Philly Radical Collective](#) (Philadelphia, PA)
- [Justice for Kayla Moore](#) (Berkeley, CA)
- [STAR / Denver Justice Project](#) (Denver, CO)
- [Cure Violence / CAPCR](#) (St. Louis, MO)

Previous Webinar Recordings:

- [Creating Police Free Schools](#)
- [Training of Trainers: Conversations about Community Safety Beyond Policing](#)

Upcoming Webinar Topics:

- Militarization of the Police
- Surveillance and Soft Policing
- Transformative Justice
- Policing and Economic Justice