

# Washington State EMERGENCY NEWS/Enhanced 9-1-1

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## Texting 9-1-1?—NO WAY!

Camp Murray, Wash.—If you have an emergency, call – don't text—9-1-1 on your phone.

Washington State's current 9-1-1 telephone system is designed around voice communications. Until upgrades are in place, Washington's 9-1-1 system cannot deliver text data to 9-1-1 call centers around the state.

**So for now, if you have an emergency, you must make a voice call to 9-1-1 and be ready to provide your name, location and type of emergency.**

For more information on this subject, you are encouraged to contact your local County 9-1-1 program or your local 9-1-1 public education coordinator.

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