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### Why Is 9-1-1 Important

Many times people underestimate the importance of 9-1-1. That one phone call can stop an abduction, a rape, a fire, a burglary, and even save a life. The amount of time saved during an emergency by dialing 9-1-1 is a major benefit to citizens around the world.

Usually people become frantic in emergency situations; being able to stay on the phone with 9-1-1 personnel can help calm someone's nerves and get them through that situation safely.

I am currently enrolled in a Practical Nursing Program. While in this program, I get to see first hand how the work of a well-managed and diligent 9-1-1 system can help save someone's life. They work together as a team, and not individual units, to get the job done. Without the work of 9-1-1 personnel, firefighters, and policemen, there would be more lives lost every day.

I can think of many times when my family members were caught in emergency situations, they called 9-1-1 and the police came to their aid. I cannot imagine how the situation would have ended if there was no 9-1-1 to call. That one team, those individuals, had the ability to assist in a life or death situation, and I am grateful that they were so diligent in doing their job.

9-1-1 is crucial to the survival of our nation as a whole. They can save your mother, father, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, son, daughter.....even you. Since 1957, 9-1-1 has been there for us- reviving lives, saving houses, and bringing children back to their parents. Let us stick together and implement the use of 9-1-1 in a safe manner. Do you want to be saved?