

## Keeping our first responders strong.

### **OUR MISSION**

911 At Ease International (AEI) exists to support first responders and their families, so they can be at their best to serve their community. Support services are free, confidential, and provided through professional, trauma-informed counselors.

### THE VISION IS SIMPLE

Free, confidential professional trauma-informed counseling services for first responders and their families world-wide.

## THE PROCESS IS PROFOUND

Renewed freedom and strength to be the best for their families, friends and the communities they serve.

## WHO WE SERVE

We support first responders and their families. This includes police, fire, sheriff, emergency medical personnel, dispatchers, district attorney's office and other essential agencies.

## **FREE SERVICES**

Confidential Counseling
Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy
Referral Services
Peer to Peer Support
Critical Incident Response
Critical Incident Debriefing

REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT: 911AEI.ORG or 888-AT EASE 4 (888-283-2734)

## **WE CAN HELP**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# 911AEI can help if you are a first responder or family member experiencing any of the following:

Marital & Family Problems Substance Abuse
Stress/Burnout Child/Spouse Abuse
Anger Management Retirement Concerns

Separation/Divorce Career Concerns

Child/Adolescent Issues Critical Incident/Trauma

Parenting Challenges Financial Issues

Grief/Bereavement Relationship Concerns
Depression Anxiety/Panic Attacks

Post Traumatic Stress Nightmares

911 AEI does not provide a suicide hotline. If you are experiencing suicidal thoughts or an emergency please call: your local emergency number 9-1-1. Or reach out to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

## CONFIDENTIAL

911 At Ease International is a nonprofit organization providing direct services to individual first responders and their family members. AEI services are not rendered on behalf of any city, county, medical, tribal or government agency. First responders are not required to inform their agency or managers when they request service through AEI. All counseling services are completely confidential except when disclosure is required by law. Counseling sessions remain confidential between client and the mental health professional.

## What is Post Traumatic Stress Injury?

Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) can develop after a person has experienced or witnessed a traumatic event. This often occurs during the career of a first responder. Symptoms of PTSI can surface through flashbacks, nightmares, anxiety, depression, anger and negative thoughts which may increase and/or last for months or years. PTSI has been known to severely interfere with a person's daily work and home life. While many people have difficulty adjusting to and coping with the daily requirements of work and home life after experiencing traumatic events, they may improve and heal from these injuries with access to psychological support, spiritual care, and other types of support.

## Why don't first responders use their insurance or Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) to get counseling?

Services offered through Employee Assistance Programs or other avenues covered by insurance may not necessarily remain confidential and therapists may not be prepared to handle the unique circumstances that first responders experience. Many first responders may not feel they can be completely transparent with an employer or insurance authorized service. Therapists approved by 911 At Ease are trauma trained and prepared to work with first responders and their families on their unique needs.

### How is AEI funded?

911 At Ease services are funded through the generosity of individual donations, private foundations, corporate sponsorships, union and grant support. Please consider sharing the website with your local donors and supporters.

REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT: 911AEI.ORG or 888-AT EASE 4 (888-283-2734)



911 At Ease International, Inc.

PO Box 30363 • Santa Barbara, CA 93130 888-AT EASE 4 (888-283-2734) • 911AEI.org