

## Today's Lead: Firefighters Want City to Abandon New 911 System

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The firefighters' union plans to [go to court](#) today to ask a judge to force the city to halt using what they call a 'deadly' 911 system. The union says the two-month old, \$88 million system has caused a number of delays and other problems. The union claims 911 dispatchers waited 8 minutes before sending a call about a five-alarm Bronx house fire to the FDNY. Two children [were hospitalized](#) from the fire and nine firefighters were treated for minor injuries. The city [disputes that there was a gap](#) and says crews were on the scene 5 minutes after the call. Bloomberg [called the response time](#) "better than average." This follows Tuesday's events when it took an ambulance more than thirty minutes to respond to an emergency call after an intern collapsed at a news conference in Brooklyn. Council President Christine Quinn blasted the response time and called Police Commissioner Ray Kelly to ask him to dispatch help. The city said it didn't consider the event high priority because the intern was being treated and was aware and speaking.

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