

AE911Truth Guide to

Holding a Courthouse Daytime Vigil/Table

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of 9/11/2001, we encourage all AE911Truth supporters to hold a daytime courthouse vigil in their local community. The purpose of your vigil is to raise public awareness of the evidence of controlled demolition of the three World Trade Center high-rises that killed as many as 2600 people on 9/11. For your vigil, choose a location at or near your courthouse where you will be visible to a lot of people, including pedestrians. The location is also symbolic, implicitly calling for the rule of law to be applied to 9/11 as to any other crime.

As part of your vigil event, make AE911Truth information available and inviting. Engage people in brief conversations and offer a newsletter, evidence card or DVD.

Your vigil will accomplish much more if you include a local press conference. Invite the local media to attend your event and cover it as a news story. But in any case be sure to cover it yourself, with a well-prepared speaker, (small) support crew, and videographer. We will post links to local press conferences on our website so that people can see the breadth of our efforts and be inspired about what they can do locally beyond this anniversary.

Plan Ahead

1. Let AE911Truth know that you intend to hold a vigil (and press conference, if that's true for you). If you haven't already done so, [sign up here](#). At AE911Truth, we want to be aware of all events so we can include an announcement of the number of events in our press statement.
2. We recommend that you plan your vigil for September 7 or 8, early enough in the week for the media to cover your vigil before the weekend. Call the county clerk or county administrator's office, state your intention to hold a daytime vigil and press conference outside the courthouse, and ask if they have any questions or requests of you. Be prepared to make more than one call as receptionists decide how to handle your call. In some locations, you may be asked to apply for a permit. If so, obtain and complete the permit. If you have any challenges with this process, please [contact AE911Truth](#).
3. Prepare your materials in advance. You will want to have a [banner](#) or similar professional-quality sign to attract attention to your presence. An American flag will also draw attention to your vigil and cast it in the appropriate light. AE911Truth has educational materials available for purchase for handing out to passers-by: the [9/11 Investigator](#) broadsheet or WTC twin Towers and WTC 7 [Evidence cards](#). DVDs such as [9/11: Blueprint for Truth](#) also tend to be popular with people who want to learn more. Visit our store to see what [other materials](#) you might want to have on your table. Study the evidence

before your vigil and be prepared to talk about it in a calm, clear, professional manner.

4. Consider cost and purchase materials as soon as possible. To purchase a durable, high-quality banner, 100 *9/11 Investigator* broadsheets, and some DVDs, plan to spend around \$200 with shipping. Are there local supporters in your community who can pitch in to help cover the cost?
5. [Read the guide](#) to holding a local press conference.

Publicize Your Vigil

1. When you sign up, you will be put in touch with a regional coordinator who can help you get in touch with other AE911Truth petition signers in your area.
2. Invite other supporters in your community by phone, email, or social networking invitations.
3. Contact by phone or email any civic leaders whom you would like to inform about your vigil. See our [Guide to Using the Outreach Letter to Legal/Law Enforcement Professionals](#), even if your civic leader is not in that category.
4. We are preparing a media advisory to send to your local newspaper, TV, and radio stations. Again, check back here for updated information. To find local radio stations go to <http://ontheradio.net/>.

Hold the Vigil

1. In most cities it is unlawful to block the sidewalk, but you may set up on public property next to the sidewalk. If you have to make this choice, it is more important to be close to the foot traffic than to have a table. Mid-day through the lunch hour, from 11 am to 3 pm, will most likely be the busiest time of day.
2. Display your banner. Be friendly and polite even to people who are not polite to you. (Getting into an argument with a bystander will give a negative impression of you to other bystanders, even if the other person “started it.”) Offer literature and invite conversation. Be curious and listen with respect to all perspectives (even when you disagree). Offer information about the scientific evidence of the controlled demolition of the three World Trade Center high-rises.
3. Stay on topic regarding the destruction of the World Trade Center high-rises. Avoid off-topic discussion. For example, if someone asks questions or opens discussion about some other aspect of the events of 9/11 aside from the destruction of the WTC high-rises, without engaging in detail acknowledge that there are other unanswered questions and affirm the need for a new investigation. If someone wants your opinion on who did it or why, say, “That’s a good question. AE911Truth only offers scientific information about the destruction of the WTC high-rises. We need a new investigation to answer your question.”

4. At the designated time, conduct your local press conference.
5. Remember to make video recordings or at least take still photographs, and write about your vigil. [Send your reports to AE911Truth](#) for possible inclusion in our newsletter and to help us learn from your experiences.