

Considering a Merger

Woodinville Fire & Rescue
Northshore Fire & Department





Thank you for the
opportunity to serve

Northshore Fire Department

Northshore Fire Department provides fire and emergency medical services to approximately 37,000 people over 10 square miles

Highly-trained personnel respond to an average of 3,600 emergency calls a year

Woodinville Fire & Rescue

Woodinville Fire & Rescue provides fire and emergency medical services to approximately 37,000 people over 30 square miles

Highly-trained personnel respond to an average of 4,000 emergency calls a year

Always Looking for New Opportunities

1 BY PARTNERSHIP

- Throughout King and Snohomish counties smaller fire agencies are partnering together.
- The Northshore Fire Department and Woodinville Fire & Rescue have such a partnership.

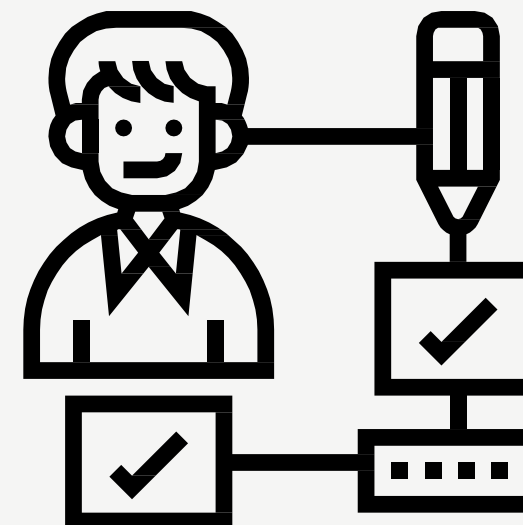
2 CURRENTLY SHARING

- Training programs for emergency personnel
- Administrative positions (fire chief, deputy chief, and a chief administrative officer)
- Joint departments, including finance, human resources, IT, and payroll

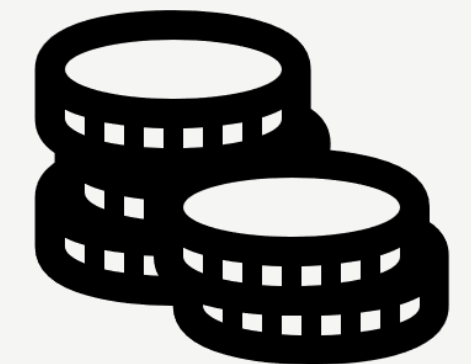
Training



Administration



Finance



Looking at Similarities

SIZE

Woodinville Fire & Rescue and Northshore Fire Department are approximately the same size

FINANCE

Both agencies fund emergency services with a fire levy and Fire Benefit Charge

Share the same responsible financial policy

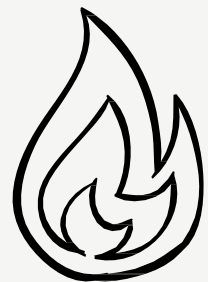
RESERVE FUNDING

Both agencies maintain a strong reserve fund to pay cash for capital items

Saving taxpayers money instead of financing these purchases



What We Both Do



**Fire
Suppression**



**Emergency
Medical Service
(EMS)**



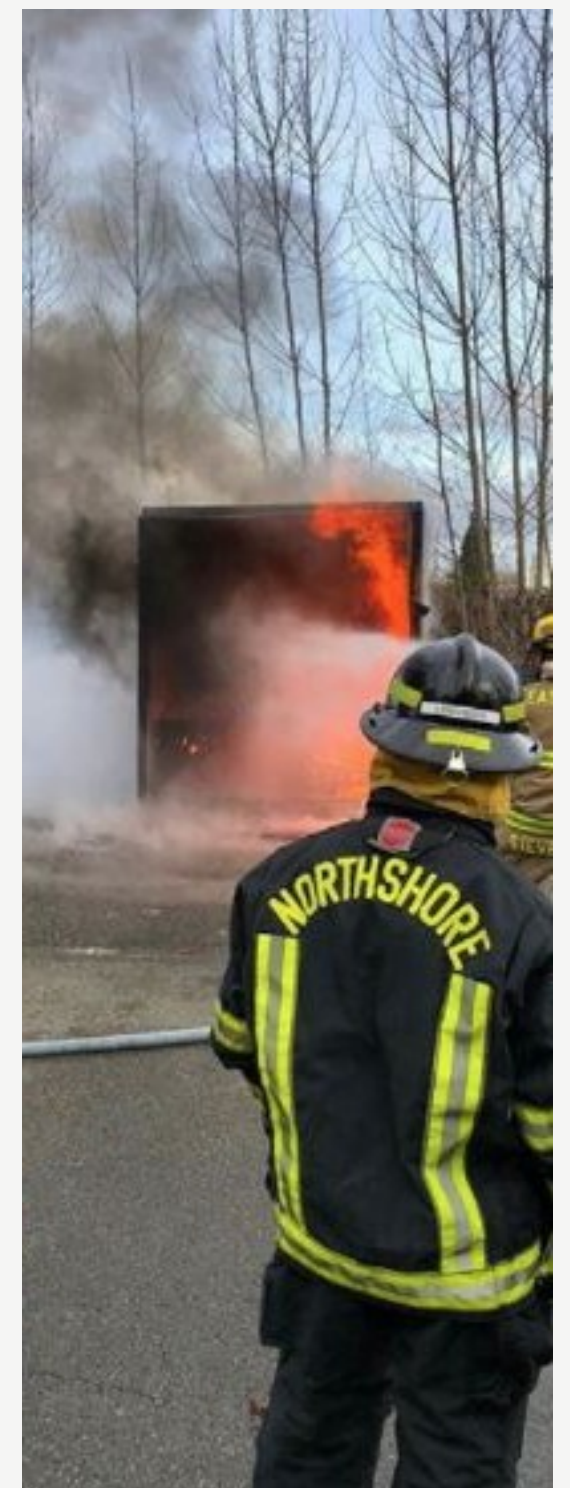
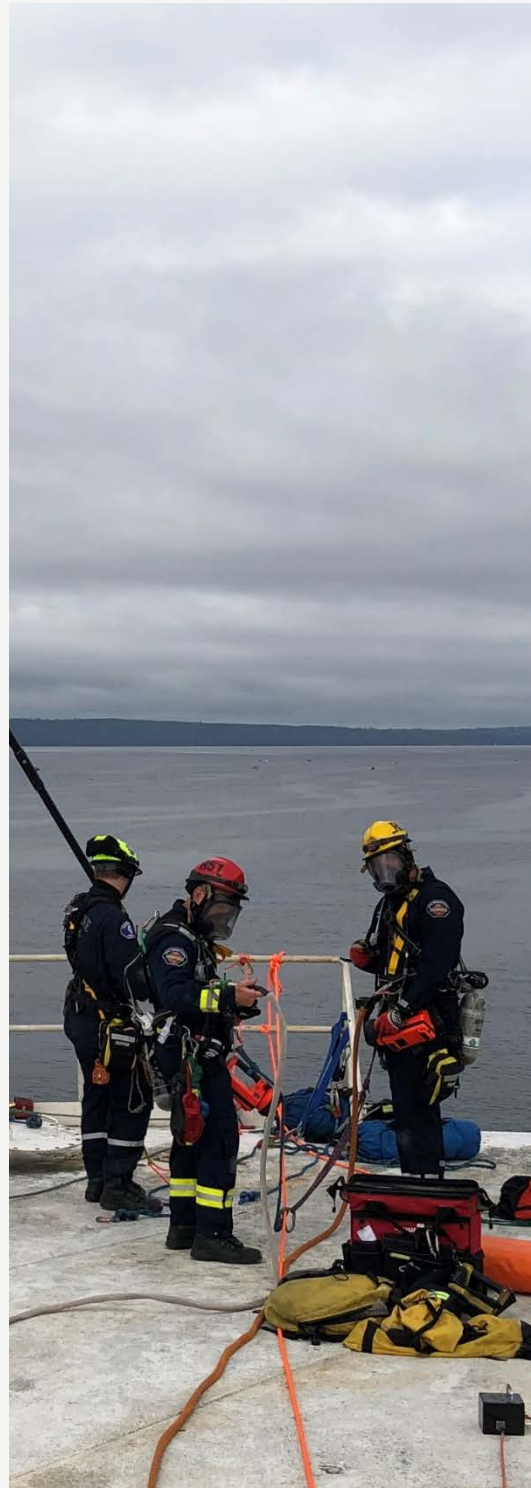
**Technical
Rescue**



**Community Risk
Reduction and
Emergency Management**



**Community
Events**



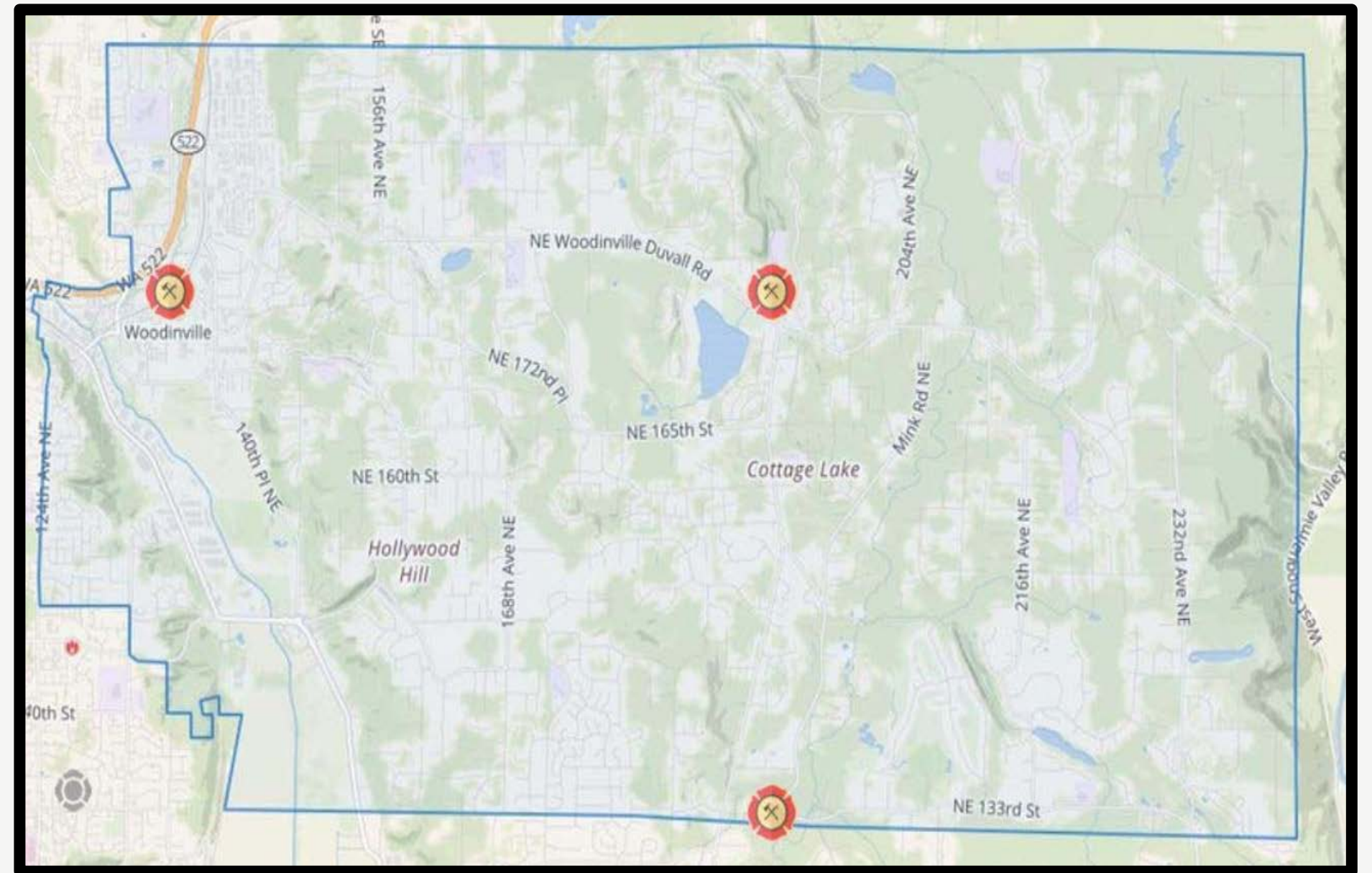
TECHNICAL RESCUE

Water Rescue
Vehicle & Machinery Extrication
Structural Collapse
Hazardous Materials Response

Wildland/Urban Interface
Rope Rescue
Confined Space
Trench Rescue



Woodinville Fire & Rescue



City of Woodinville

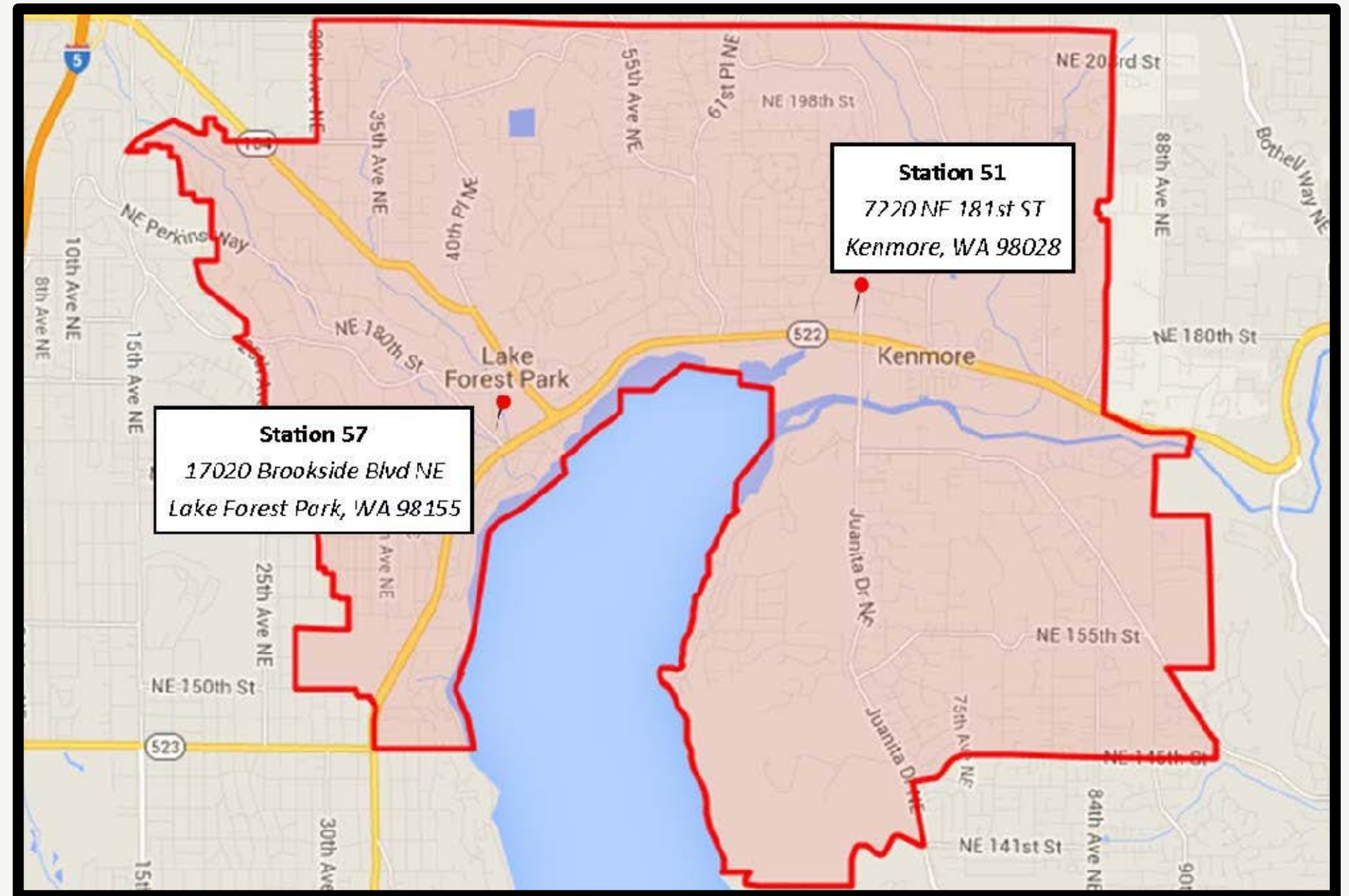
- Station 31

Unincorporated King County

- Station 35
- Station 33



Northshore Fire Department



Kenmore

- Station 51

City of Lake Forest Park

- Station 57

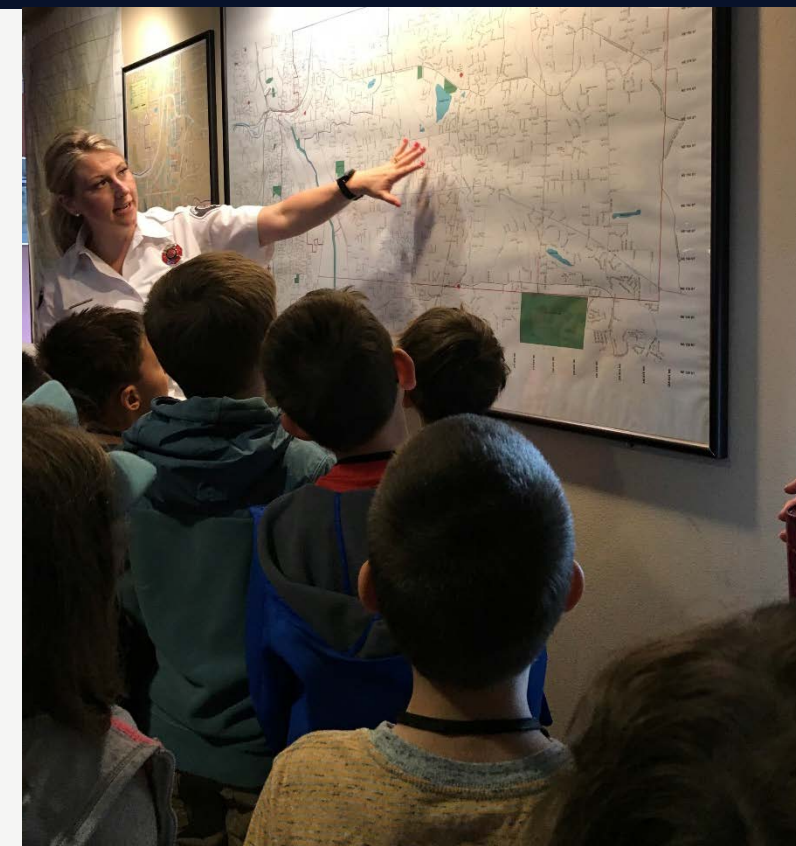
Opportunities for Increased Service



Additional training opportunities for firefighters



More fire prevention programs in our local schools



More community engagement



Economies of scale in purchasing goods and services

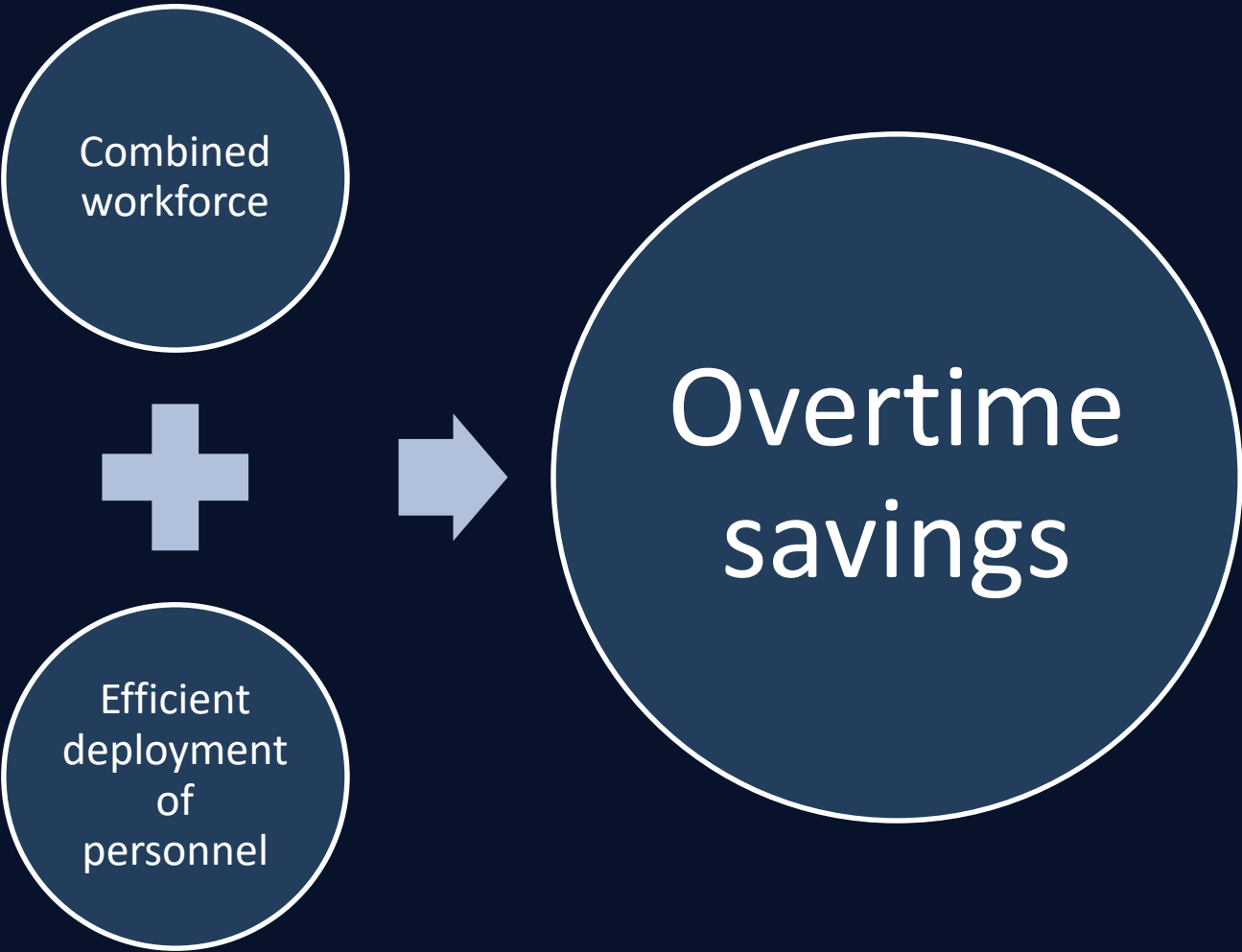
Opportunities for Increased Service

71%

of February 2021 we would have at least one additional unit in service.

9 days	Additional Aid Car
7 days	Additional cross-staffed Engine/Aid Car
4 days	Additional Aid Car <i>and</i> an additional cross-staffed Engine/Aid Car

Cost Savings



Overtime savings in February 2021:

\$22,127



Expected to Pay Less for Emergency Services



Northshore Residents

The effective tax rate is expected to drop by 11 cents per thousand of assessed value for Northshore or a decrease of 8.5% per thousand

Woodinville Residents

The effective tax rate is expected to drop by 7 cents per thousand of assessed value or a decrease of 5.6% per thousand

SHARED BY MORE PROPERTY OWNERS

The overall cost to fund future capital items, such as stations and apparatus, would be less as well



- ▶ **New Organization**
- ▶ **New Name**
- ▶ **Same Local Fire Service**

- **Keep local stations and firefighters – no firefighter job loss**
- **Kenmore Headquarters**
- **Local Elected Fire Commissioners**
- **Residents would receive no cost transport services**
- **Expected to reduce overtime costs, which were almost \$1.8 million for both agencies in 2020.**

Merging our Fire Districts will Provide Opportunities for Improved Service for Residents and Businesses

FOR INQUIRIES AND QUESTIONS

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Thank You

