

A Regional Fire Authority

Building a Safer, Stronger Future



What is a Regional Fire Authority?



A Regional Fire Authority (RFA) is a special-purpose district designed to enhance fire protection and emergency medical services. By uniting the resources of neighboring fire departments, a RFA improves public safety, and lowers costs for taxpayers.

In February 2025, voters in Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, and Shoreline will have the opportunity to create a Regional Fire Authority by combining the Shoreline and Northshore Fire Departments. This proposal builds on years of successful collaboration, ensuring stronger, more sustainable fire and emergency services for our communities.

The Benefits of a Regional Fire Authority

Enhanced Emergency Services

- ✓ Improved responses through better coordination and resource sharing.
- ✓ Improved technical rescue capabilities in Shoreline, Kenmore and Lake Forest Park.
- ✓ Flexible deployment of fire trucks and aid cars based on need.
- ✓ Continued firefighter collaboration provides seamless operations and improved service delivery.

Significant Taxpayer Savings

- ✓ \$196,000 in annual administrative savings and over \$3 million in reduced redundancies by 2026.
- ✓ Savings for 100% of homeowners and 98% of property owners in the Fire District.
- ✓ Preserves Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau Class 2 rating leading to insurance savings and lower levy rates.

Sustainability and Streamlined Management

- ✓ Shared resources provide sustainable services, protect property values, and diversify revenue.
- ✓ Strengthened grant opportunities for enhancements like a fire/rescue boat for Lake Washington.
- ✓ Balanced governance with five board members from both Northshore and Shoreline ensures local control.
- ✓ Streamlined administration eliminates duplication, enabling more efficient resource management.

Together, we can ensure a safer, stronger future for our communities.

By forming a Regional Fire Authority, we are investing in a more unified and efficient fire and emergency medical service system— one that prioritizes safety, sustainability, and fiscal responsibility. This collaboration strengthens our ability to respond to emergencies, protects property values, and enhances the quality of life for every resident.

Visit www.ShorelineFire.com/RFA for additional details, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates and resources.

