

WOODINVILLE FIRE & RESCUE
Tuesday, March 2, 2021

REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Collins called the virtual meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and was as follows:

Roll Call

Commissioners Derek van Veen, Doug Halbert, Tim Osgood, Mike Millman, and Roger Collins of Woodinville Fire & Rescue; Commissioners Rick Verlinda, Rick Webster, Josh Pratt, and Dave Maehren of Northshore Fire Department. Commissioner Don Ellis of Northshore Fire Department was absent.

Also present were Fire Chief of Woodinville Fire & Rescue and Interim Fire Chief of Northshore Fire Department Greg Ahearn; Deputy Chief Doug McDonald of Northshore Fire Department; Chief Administrative Officer Joan Montegary of Woodinville Fire & Rescue; Legal Counsel Matt Paxton of Northshore Fire Department; Board Secretary Nicole Frisch of Woodinville Fire & Rescue; Board Secretary Amy Oakley of Northshore Fire Department; and members of the participating fire departments and public.

Public Comment

Jeremiah Ingersoll, President IAFF Local 2459

Mike Groff, President IAFF Local 2099

Eric Adman, Kenmore Resident and Shoreline Paramedic

Peter Briner, President IAFF Local 2950

Gabe DeBay, IAFF Local 1760

Todd Wollum, Kenmore Resident

Mike Dee, Lake Forest Park Resident

Approval of Agenda in Content and Order

MOTION: Commissioner Maehren moved to add a statement to the agenda as Item 4.1. The motion was not seconded.

MOTION: Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Webster. The motion passed 5-0 by the Woodinville Board and 5-0 by the Northshore Board.

1. Community Communications Update

Commissioner Millman provided an update on the Community Communications subcommittee.

The joint Boards discussed a new name for the new combined agency.

MOTION: Commissioner Maehren moved that the Northshore Board recommend that the new merged agency name be Northshore Fire & Rescue subject to collaboration with Administration, staff, and Labor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Webster. After discussion by the Northshore Board, Commissioner Maehren withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Millman moved that the Woodinville Board recommend that the new merged agency name be Northshore Fire & Rescue pending a successful merger vote and collaboration with staff and Labor. The motion was not seconded.

2. Merger Progress Report

Chief Ahearn presented on the benefits of a merged agency as attached hereto.

3. Merger Next Steps

Chief Ahearn reported that the Woodinville City Council self-initiated and passed a resolution in support of the merger.

Board Chair Collins reported that the intent of the joint Boards is to maintain the headquarters station in Kenmore at Station 51.

The joint Boards directed staff to look into the possibility of hiring a third-party firm to perform an independent analysis of the merger.

4. Next Joint Meeting Agenda Items

The next joint meeting will be March 16, 2021. The agenda will include all standing joint Board agenda items.

5. Executive Session

At 6:42 p.m., the Boards moved into Executive Session for 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), to discuss the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of collective bargaining.

At 7:02 p.m., the Boards reconvened. No action was taken.

6. Adjournment

The joint meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Nicole Frisch

Nicole Frisch, Board Secretary

Derek van Veen

Derek van Veen, Commissioner, Position 1

Doug Halbert

Doug Halbert, Commissioner, Position 2

Tim Osgood

Tim Osgood, Commissioner, Position 3

Mike Millman

Mike Millman, Commissioner, Position 4

Roger Collins

Roger Collins, Commissioner, Position 5



Northshore Fire Department Board of Commissioners

Headquarters Station 7220 NE 181st Street, Kenmore, WA

Joint Regular Meeting of the Boards of Fire Commissioners

Northshore Fire Department and Woodinville Fire & Rescue

and

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

5:00PM

Meeting held virtually, via Zoom

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253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 851 2510 9834

Passcode: 344885

I. Open Joint Northshore Woodinville Fire and Rescue Meeting

1.1 Roll Call

II. Public Comment

2.1 Public Comment

III. Approval of Agenda

3.1 Approval of the Meeting Agenda

IV. Board Discussion and Possible Action Items

4.1 Community Communications Update

4.2 Merger Progress Report

4.3 Merger Next Steps

4.4 Next Joint Meeting Agenda Items



Executive Session

To discuss matters related to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b)

Adjourn Joint Meeting

Next Joint Meeting: April 6th, 2021 at 5:00 PM

V. Open Regular Northshore Board Meeting

5.1 Roll Call

VI. Public Comment

6.1 Public Comment

VII. Approval of Agenda

7.1 Approval of the Meeting Agenda

VIII. Board Discussion and Possible Action Items

8.1 Surplus Engines

8.2 Review of Administrative Policy 1450

8.3 Legal Representation at Board Meetings

8.4 Local 2459's Position on Merger

IX. Board Resolutions

None

X. Consent Agenda

10.1 Vouchers

10.2 Commissioner Compensation

10.3 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes 2/16/2021

XI. Reports

11.1 Fire Chief Report

11.2 Commissioner Reports

11.3 Legal Counsel Report

XII. Upcoming Board Agendas

12.1 Setting of Future Meeting Agenda(s)

Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: March 16th, 2021 at 5:00 PM



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To ensure your comments are received and read at the proper meeting, your email must include:

- Date & Time of the meeting your comments are intended for
- Your name
- Whether or not you live in the city limits of Lake Forest Park or Kenmore
- Agenda Item and/or subject your comments refer to

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Benefits of a Merged Agency

Northshore Fire Department and Woodinville Fire & Rescue

Presented to the Joint Boards
of Fire Commissioners

March 3, 2021



Chief Ahearn appointed Northshore's Interim Fire Chief – February 5, 2020



Northshore Board petitioned to merge into Woodinville after third-party financial analysis – September 14, 2020



Woodinville Board accepted Northshore's petition – September 15, 2020



Joint Boards gave direction to use Woodinville CBA as successor agreement – October 6, 2020



Boundary Review Board process completed Thursday, February 25, 2021



Initiative on April 27, 2021 ballot

Improved Service Delivery



COST SAVINGS



EFFICIENT DEPLOYMENT OF
PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT



PATIENT TRANSPORT AT NO
ADDITIONAL COST



Cost Savings

Reduction in Effective Tax Rate

Efficient Deployment of Personnel

Overtime Savings



Cost Savings

2021 Effective Tax Rate	
Northshore Fire Department	Woodinville Fire & Rescue
\$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value	\$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed value



Cost Savings

If the agencies were merged in 2021, the Effective Tax Rate would be \$1.19



Northshore property owners would save a projected \$0.11 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or a **reduction of 8.5%** of the effective tax rate.

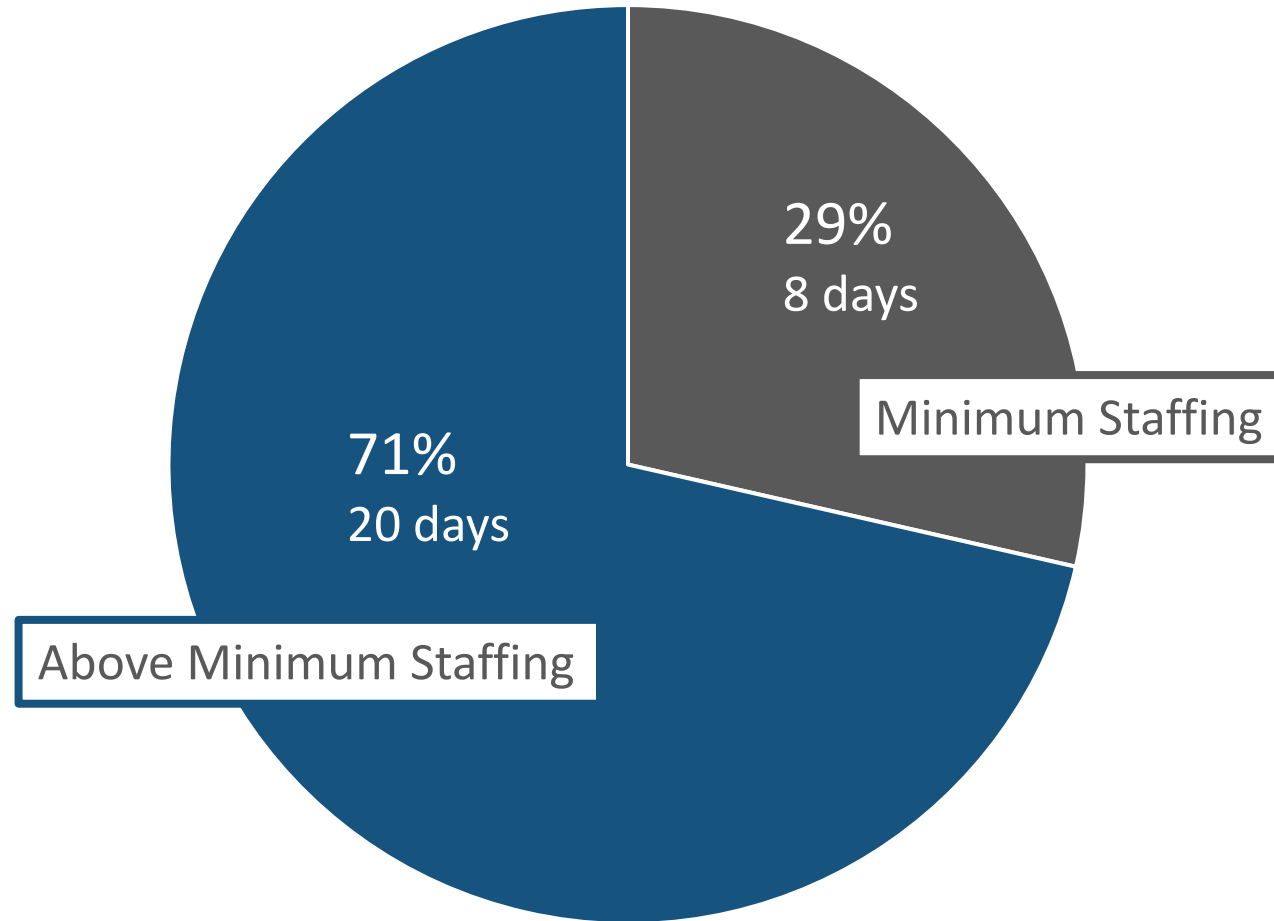


Woodinville property owners would save a projected \$0.07 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or a **reduction of 5.6%** of the effective tax rate.



Efficient Deployment of Personnel in a Merged Agency

February 2021 Staffing





Increased Level of 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 *and* an additional cross-staffed Engine/Aid Car



Cost Savings

Combined
workforce



Efficient
deployment of
personnel



Overtime
savings

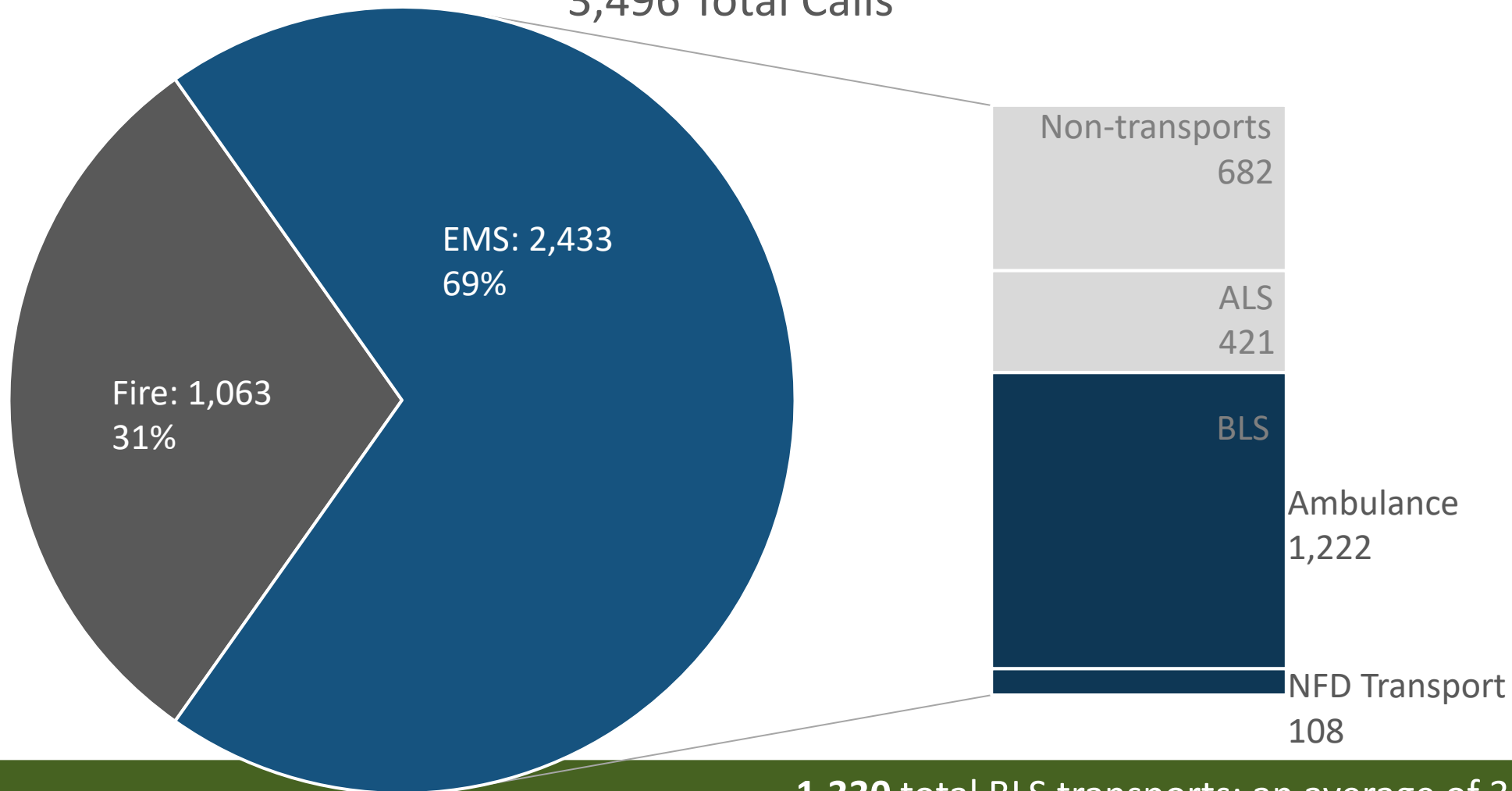
As a merged agency, we would have saved **\$22,127** in overtime in February 2021.



Patient Transport at No Additional Cost

Northshore Fire Department – 2020 Actual

3,496 Total Calls



1,330 total BLS transports; an average of 3.6 per day

Station 51

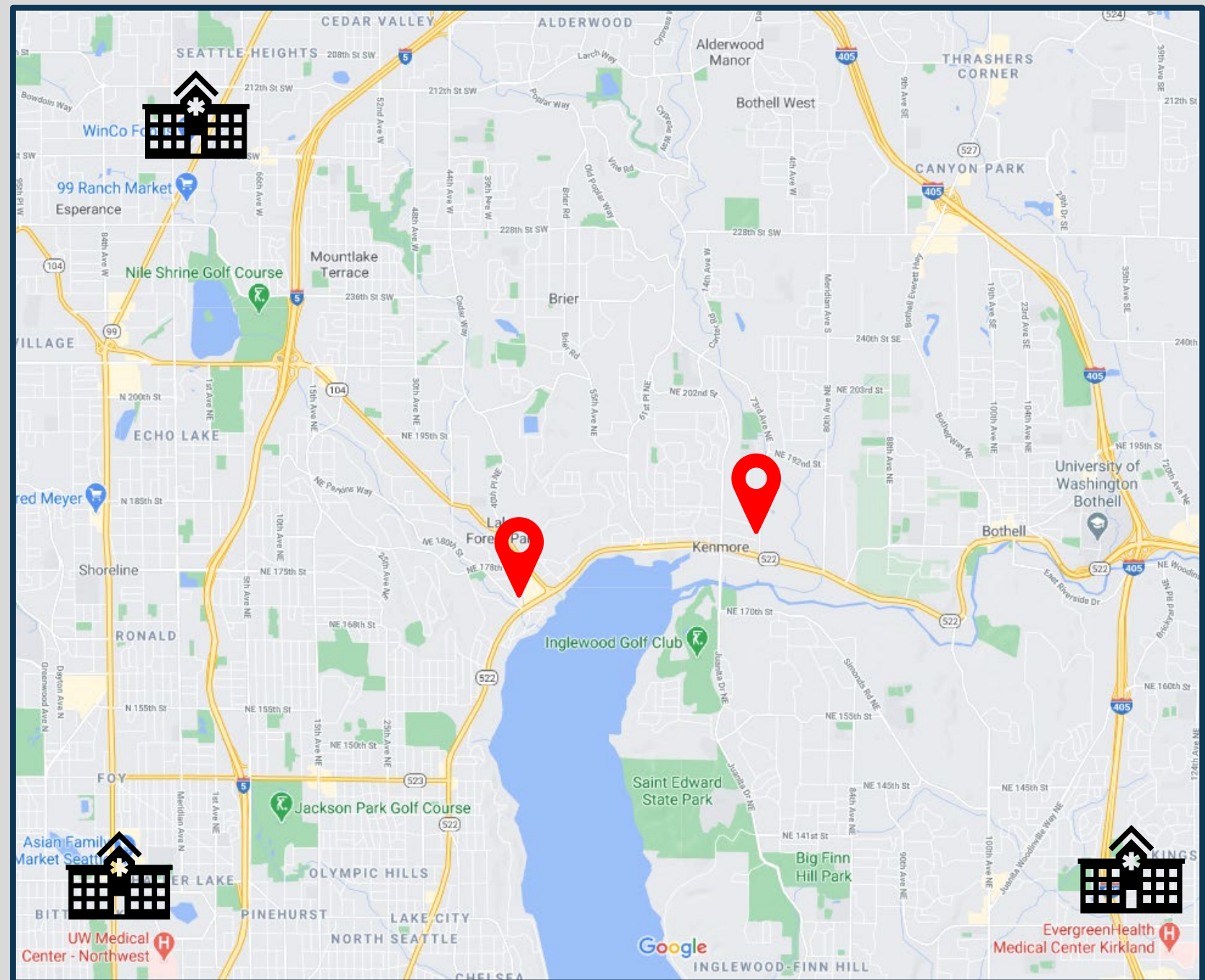
EvergreenHealth
Northwest Hospital
Swedish Edmonds

5.5 miles
7.2 miles
6.9 miles

Station 57

EvergreenHealth
Northwest Hospital
Swedish Edmonds

7 miles
5.3 miles
5.6 miles





Questions?