

Public Safety
Task Force
2024



Our Approach:

- *Build relationships
- *Learn the system, explore best practices, and possibilities
- *Contribute to the master plan strategy for EMS and FIRE services
- *Participate in ongoing leadership and collaboration

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VISION...

We envision being the cornerstone of safety and resilience in one of America's fastest-growing communities. We aim to innovate continuously, leveraging advancements in technology and training to enhance our preparedness and response capabilities. By fostering strong community ties and promoting safety education, we strive to create an environment where every resident and visitor feels secure and supported.

MISSION...

Our mission as a task force has been centered on a common desire to protect and enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors of our community through innovative response strategies, cutting-edge technology, and working together as a prepared and dedicated team of professionals. Our dedication to continuous improvement and community engagement ensures that we remain at the forefront of safety and care



VISION: What does FIRE & EMS look like in 2040?

➤ Serving 500K people

- Response times
- Personnel
- Equipment
- Environment
- Organization
- Medical advancement
- Partnerships
- Collaborations

Recommendations of the Public Safety Task Force

Governance and Organization

EMS Response

Fire Response

Staffing

Infrastructure: Water | Facilities

Emergency Communication 911

Governance and Organizational

Collaboration convened by the Director of Public Safety office.

Transition the volunteer fire service to one non-profit

Collaborative agreement between Williamson County and Williamson Health.

Utilize all available mutual aid/automatic aid agreements.

Study updates to state law to remove funding limitations.

Community engagement and involvement.

EMS Response Performance

Nine (9) minute response time 90% of the time countywide

Develop and maintain a forecasted EMS needs assessment and strategic plan

Use the NFPA 1710 recommended EMS response time goal of 9 minutes or less 90% of the time as countywide key performance metric to support the ongoing system development plans.

FIRE Response Performance

Utilize the NFPA 1720 standard across the entire Fire response area as a guide for system development and improvement.

Use 1710 and 1720 NFPA standards as a guide for improving and meeting quality performance.

Innovative volunteer staffing strategies that allow best practice performance and provide the standards of care our community desires.

Volunteer recruitment and retention that draws upon the existing strengths of our community.

Optimized response to all calls that stewards resources.

Staffing ^{1/3}

Medical fast cars and/or other delivery systems for calls requiring only a two (2)-person response.

Mental Health First Aid certified responders

Expand Administrative Fire Captain program to maintain one per station.

Investigate and propose the addition of Fire/EMS educators at local high schools.

Staffing ^{2/3}

Specialized rescue hazardous materials response staffed units for high risk low frequency events.

Recruitment of volunteers through robust training and apprenticeship opportunities, collaboration with local and area high schools, community colleges, and universities.

Emergency services fellows program.

Enhance and encourage the volunteer live-in program.

Improve volunteer retention through a longevity stipend

Staffing Considerations ^{3/3}

Encourage volunteer staffing of shifts through an enhanced staffing stipend.

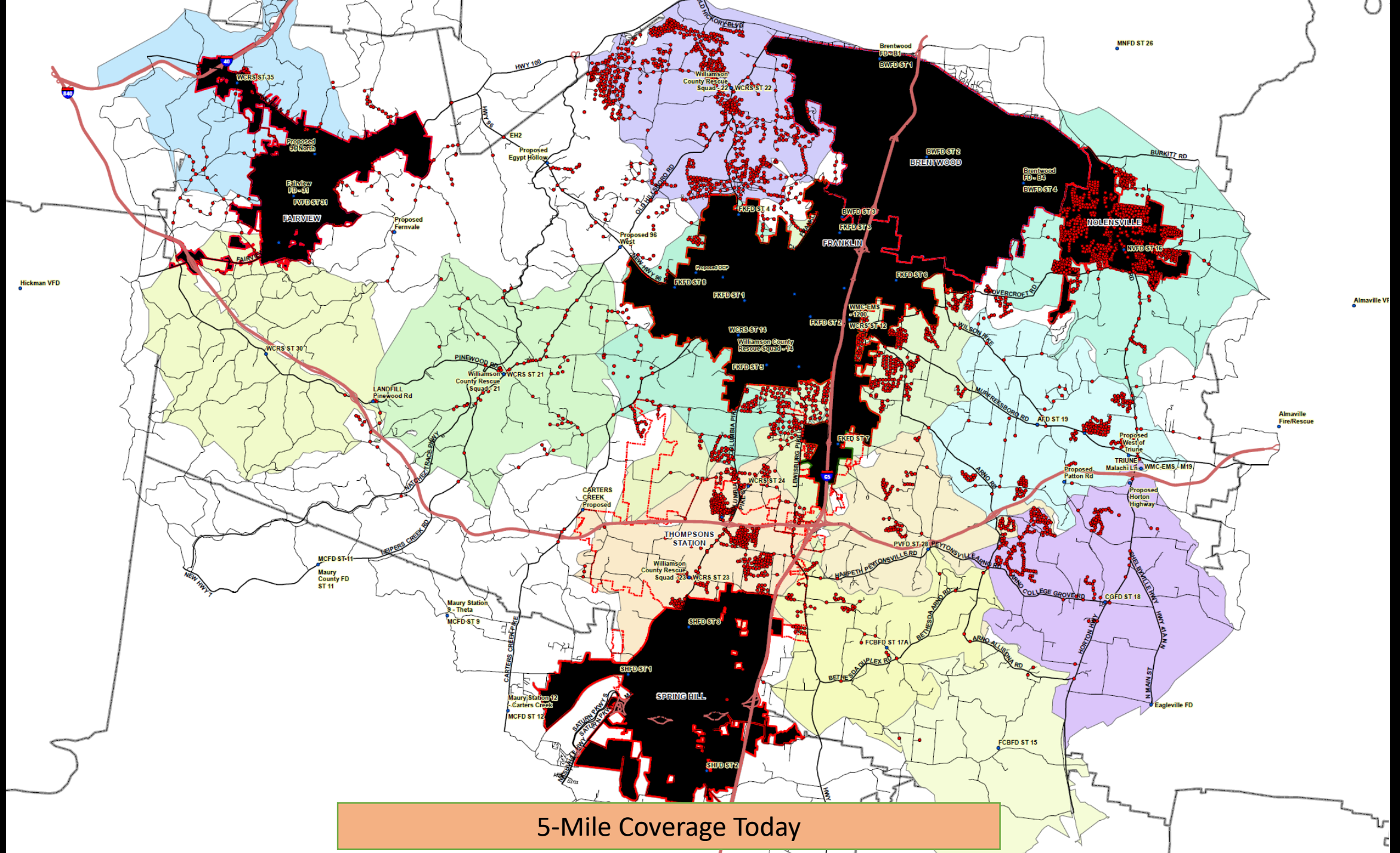
Build upon existing community strengths to develop leadership and support from the public. “Emergency Services Williamson County,” modeled after citizens academies.

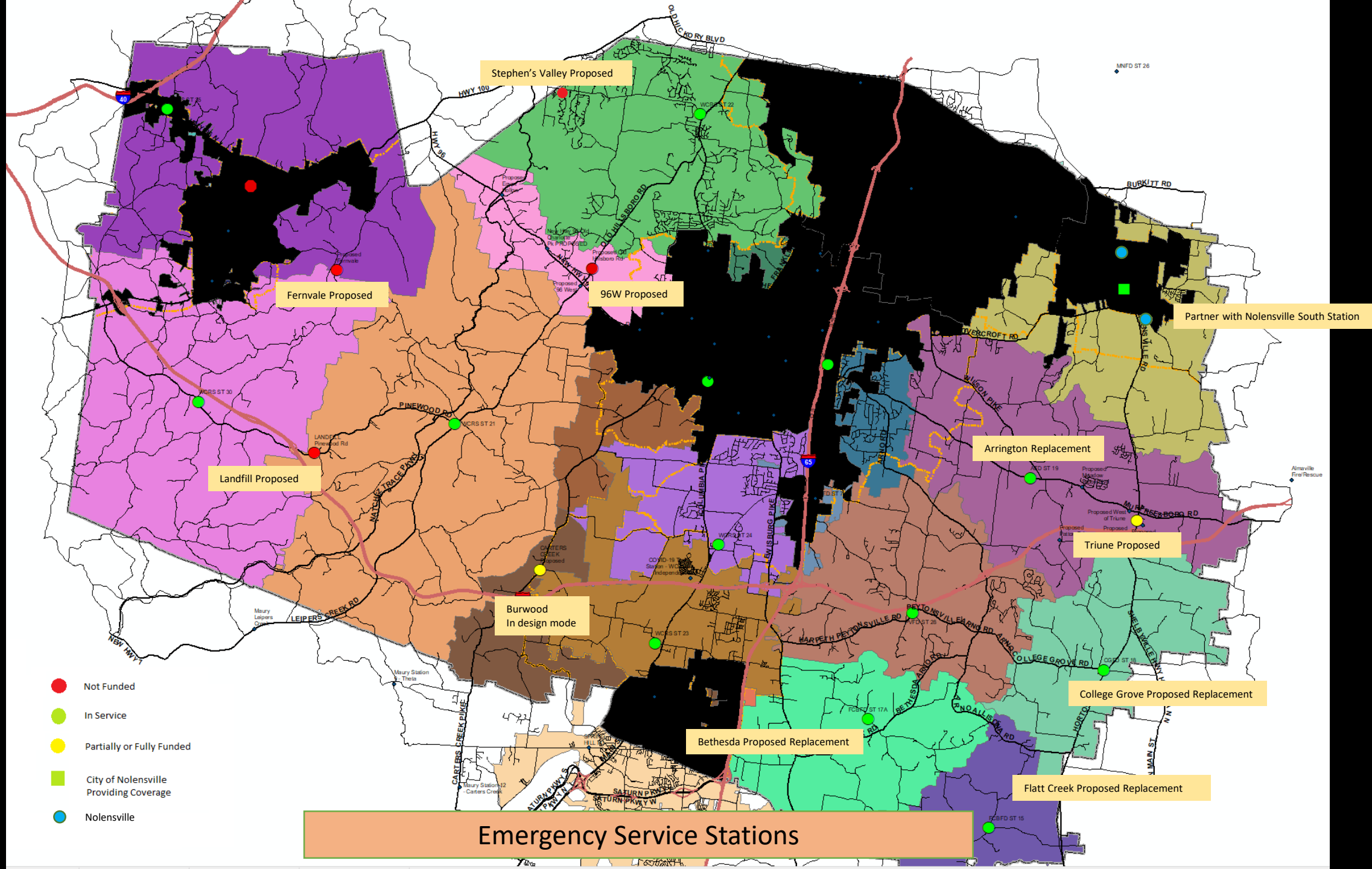
INFRASTRUCTURE: **Priority!**

- FACILITIES / STATIONS
- EQUIPMENT
- WATER
- ACCESS via roads

INFRASTRUCTURE: **Facilities**

- Acquire land or partnerships
- Fund existing stations planned
- Timing





INFRASTRUCTURE: **Equipment**

- Fire Engine
- Ambulance
- Tanker
- Rescue
- Ladder

INFRASTRUCTURE: **Water**

Matching county growth plan with a robust infrastructure will continue to require innovative approaches.

Establish Standards with regard to:

- Fire flows
- IBC/IFC regulations
- Residential sprinklers
- Limit building that cannot be supported by fireflow/infrastructure

Emergency Communications 911

Continue to monitor call processing times that meet NFPA standard 7.4.1 and adjust staffing as necessary with growth.

Continue to monitor dispatch alarm times, NFPA Standard 7.4.3, and put measures in place to meet NFPA standards.

Provide dedicated telecommunicators for high intensity incidents.

Continue to monitor radio communications usage and trends pertaining to growth of EMS and the fire service as relates to seated positions in the dispatch center.

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THANK YOU
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to our community!

