

# Firewise New Community Recognition Checklist 2014

For Fire Departments and Communities who have never been Firewise

---

- Contact the Firewise team for an initial presentation of the Firewise Program.**
- Form a Firewise Board.**

A Firewise Board is a group of people that meet monthly or quarterly to discuss Firewise projects and community progress; Members may be fire department personnel or community and civic leaders.
- Contact the Firewise team for risk assessment training.**

Risk Assessment Training is presented by the Firewise team; this prepares your department and community members to conduct structural triage on homes in the wildland/urban interface
- Conduct risk assessments on your homes in the wildland/urban interface.**

Fire Department personnel and community members conduct risk assessments. They are copied for the fire department records and a copy is sent to the AFC Little Rock office. These assessments help departments identify high fire risk areas
- Create a Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP) based on your community risk assessments.**

-The CWPP is a form available from the Firewise team. It guides fire departments and communities in creating an emergency contact list, maps and detailed planning to prepare for the event of a wildfire
- Invest \$2 per capita (in volunteer time) in Firewise projects.**

-Choose high risk areas in your communities to improve or clean up using fire department personnel, community members or other civic groups; Remember to take before and after pictures! And – let us help you provide some sort of education to your community about wildfire safety through an open house, public meeting, homeowner’s presentation, newsletter or otherwise. Be sure and ask questions about how to incorporate these projects into what your fire department may already be doing in the community.
- Submit recognition paperwork to the Little Rock Firewise Team.**

-See the website or contact the Firewise team for your recognition forms, then submit them to the Little Rock office; We will process your \$3,500 in grant money and submit your recognition information to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to ensure that your community is nationally recognized.

