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## Ashley County Fire Departments Receive Grants for Fire Mitigation Efforts

**GREENBRIER, AR** — Four fire departments in Ashley County recently received grants for continuing efforts to reduce their communities' wildfire risks through the Firewise USA® recognition program. Crossett, Hamburg, Milo, and Unity-Frost Prairie fire departments completed Firewise USA® renewal requirements of conducting education and mitigation activities that address local wildfire safety concerns.

The Firewise USA® program is a nationwide initiative that recognizes communities for taking action to protect people and properties from the risk of fire in the wildland/urban interface. Communities tailor education and mitigation efforts to fit their needs with cooperative assistance from the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division, the Arkansas Firewise team, and their local fire staff.

"Volunteer efforts from fire departments like Crossett, Hamburg, Milo, and Unity-Frost Prairie are invaluable to their communities. These risk reduction efforts can help prevent fire damage and make firefighters across the state safer as they work to save homes and property," said Travis Haile, Arkansas Firewise Coordinator.

All community members are encouraged to be involved in their local Firewise USA® program activities. Every hour invested by volunteers helps meet yearly renewal requirements and supports the continued success of the program. Arkansas Firewise also has patch programs for youth and is working to educate them as tomorrow's leaders.

Communities interested in earning Firewise USA® recognition or learning more about the program can visit [www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-firewise1](http://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-firewise1), email [Firewise@agriculture.arkansas.gov](mailto:Firewise@agriculture.arkansas.gov), or call Arkansas Firewise at 501-813-2554 for more information.

Arkansas Firewise is available to support you in all efforts to reduce wildfire risk. Call 501-813-2554 for more information about Arkansas Firewise, or visit the website at [www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-firewise1](http://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-firewise1).

Remember to call 911 to report wildfires or emergencies in your area.

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