Firewise New Community Recognition Checklist 2022

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- ☐ **Contact State Liaisons for an initial presentation of the Firewise USA 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 State Liaisons for risk assessment training.**
  Risk Assessment Training 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 volunteers conduct risk assessments. Make a copy for the fire department records and a copy is sent to the Forestry Division Greenbrier 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 guides fire departments and communities in creating an emergency contact list, maps and detailed planning to prepare for the event of a wildfire—form is available online or from your State Liaisons.
- ☐ **Invest one volunteer hour per individual dwelling unit within your site boundaries in Firewise educational and vegetation removal projects.**
  -Choose high risk areas in your communities to improve or clean up using fire department personnel, community volunteers, and 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 is already doing in the community.
- ☐ **Submit recognition paperwork to your State Liaisons.**
  -See the website or contact Travis or Leslie for recognition forms, then submit them to the Greenbrier 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.

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