

NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

INTEREST FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SUBDIVISION or HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION
(if applicable) _____

- Yes, I am ready to become a NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADOR. Please contact me.
- Send me more information please.
- I would like a speaker to attend a neighborhood meeting.
- Please send me email notifications.
- Other _____

Please return to:
FIREWISE
AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

c/o San Juan Mountains Association
P.O. Box 2261
Durango, Colorado 81302



FIREWISE OF SOUTHWEST COLORADO

FireWise of Southwest Colorado strives to keep lives, homes, and property from being damaged by wildfire. We provide education, planning and mitigation support to spark wildfire preparedness in the hearts of our neighbors!

The FireWise Council is a collaborative group made up of Neighborhood Ambassadors, firefighting and public land management agencies, businesses and other interested community stakeholders. The Council meets bi-monthly and all meetings are open to the public.

FireWise operates under the San Juan Mountains Association's non-profit status and uses SJMA as their fiscal agent. The Council is funded by grants, donations and in-kind support.



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The Neighborhood Ambassador Program improves safety and helps residents protect the investment they have made in their property.

NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Launched in 2004 by FireWise, the NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADOR PROGRAM recruits volunteers to mobilize their neighborhoods and communities to improve wildfire readiness.

Wildfire is southwest Colorado's greatest natural disaster threat.

Neighbors talking with and organizing their own neighborhoods is a very effective strategy for catalyzing actions that enhance community safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADORS carry out local projects and events. They link their neighbors with advice, wildfire information and technical assistance delivered by experts from the U.S. Forest Service, Colorado State Forest Service and/or local fire departments and governments. Ambassadors distribute literature; organize mitigation projects and meetings; spearhead community planning; raise awareness and help local fire departments gather information that will help fight a wildfire, if one occurs. Having more than one Ambassador per neighborhood is encouraged, especially in larger neighborhoods, as we all have different skills and interests. Invite a friend or neighbor to be your Co-Ambassador.

BENEFITS

AMBASSADORS RECEIVE:

- Training and support
- Materials including a Program Notebook, brochures, handouts, and publications
- Referrals to wildfire information experts
- Access to ongoing education such as workshops, in-services and email notifications
- Information about any financial help or minigrants that become available
- Support in their work at the neighborhood level
- Networking with other Ambassadors
- Annual picnic and recognition event

REQUIREMENTS

AMBASSADORS ARE ASKED TO:

- Attend a volunteer orientation
- Complete projects, events or activities
- Sign a Volunteer Commitment Form along with a Liability Waiver
- Adhere to Program Policies and Procedures
- Stay connected with any official groups such as Homeowner Associations
- Help Local fire departments with planning
- Report volunteer hours using an on-line database

Neighborhood Ambassadors do not need to be firefighters or wildfire experts. The program refers Ambassadors to expert advice, information, presentations, and technical assistance.

Are you interested in becoming a Neighborhood Ambassador?
If so, please complete and send us the form on the reverse side.

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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