

# FIREWISE TRUMPET



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## March

March 21, Firewise Education, 10:00 am, AC Conference Room  
March 27, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, AC MR 1-2

## April

April 18, Firewise Education, 10:00 am, AC Conference Room  
April 24, Firewise Group Meeting, 1:00 pm, AC MR 1-2

## Firewise Group Notes

The Firewise Group met February 27 with 8 members and 2 liaisons present

**Education/Training - May 3** Wildfire Preparedness Day planning was reviewed and materials were reviewed.

**HIZ Numbers Update** See box to right.

**Volunteer Clearing Crew News** See details on page 2.

**HIZ Cards** - a mockup of the card being used to promote HIZ Evaluations was reviewed.

For additional details see the Meeting Notes on the website.

The next Firewise Group meeting is March 27, 2019, 1 pm, MR 1-2 (**Note room change!**).

**Everyone is urged to attend.**

## May 3 Wildfire Preparedness Day Planning

Planning for the May 3 Wildfire Preparedness Day has begun! This year's event will focus on clearing small junipers in several areas around the Social Center.

**Note:** The Education Work Group is looking for 2-3 individuals to take over the leadership of the Wildfire Preparedness Day. Come to the March 21 Education meeting to learn more!

## Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Numbers

The HIZ completion status:

Month ending	2/1/19	3/1/19
Received	959	962
New requests	0	3
Completed	941	941
Open	17	20
On hold	1	1

## From The Chair

Thank you everyone for supporting the Firewise Group. At February's meeting elections were held and I will head our group again this year. Thank you.

I hope that these meetings continue to stay meaningful and you'll submit ideas to help us improve our education goals as well as maintaining our Recognized Firewise community.

Also, if you can help us on some of our other sub committees, we'd greatly appreciate your support, because we're short on manpower.

Looking forward to volunteering with you.  
Thank you.

**The Firewise web site is available by [clicking here](#)**

## Our Partners



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## Firewise Group Leadership

Chair - Petra Garren

Vice-Chair - Ron Thompson

Recorder - Fred Hill

Education Coordinator - Dan Dodson

Training Coordinator - Paul Ohlenbusch

Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator - Petra Garren

## Brush, Grass, and Forest Fires

NFPA issued the above report in 2018. Here is a summary of their findings.

In 2011-2015, local (municipal or county) fire departments responds to almost one-quarter (23%) of all fires involved in the wildland urban interface (WUI) fires (brush, grass and forest fires). See below.

An average of 6,200 reported home structure fires were ignited by heavy or light vegetation per year. These fires caused an average of seven civilian deaths, 53 civilian injuries, and \$130 million in direct property damage.

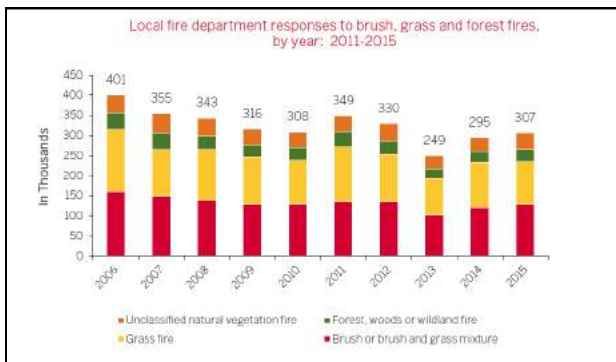
Brush, grass and forest fires caused an average of 1,330 fireground injuries to firefighters from local fire departments with 5 percent of injuries from local fire departments occurred at these incidents. Volunteer firefighters accounted for a disproportionate share of these injuries.

The vast majority of brush, grass and forest fires in 2011-2015 were caused by human activities. Leading causes include intentional fire setting, open burning of waste, smoking materials, and electrical power or utility lines.

From 2007-2016, a total of 44 local firefighters, or an average of four per year, were fatally injured as a result of brush, grass or forest fires or prescribed fires. Just over half (25) in total occurred while fighting fires. The others occurred while firefighters were responding to the incidents or returning back to the station.

These fires take a toll on fire department resources, can spread to homes, vehicles and other property, and cause injuries. Information about the causes and circumstances of these fires should be used to develop more effective prevention strategies and campaigns.

Adapted from - NFPA Research - Brush, Grass, and Forest Fires, Marty Ahrens, September 2018



## Firewise Town Hall videos

You can view the October 3, 2017 and previous Town Hall videos by [clicking here](#).

## Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew News

### Workday Updates:

*26 Feb - 404 Tangle Ridge, N58.* We had a great turnout of 17 volunteers to finish where we stopped the previous week. Quite a few neighbors in the area expressed their appreciation for the work that we were doing - "What a great group of folks we have that comes out to do FW clearing work"! Thank you all.

*19 Feb - 404 Tangle Ridge, N58.* Cancelled due to inclement weather.

*12 Feb - 103 Old Blue Mountain, N58.* The work location was changed because of safety concerns. We had 7 N58 volunteers and 12 FWCC and cleared and limbed the area. Thank you all.

*5 Feb - 303 Fairway, N58.* Drainage ditch with juniper and willow baccharis. We had a great participation with 11 FWCC and 5 N58 volunteers that worked hard. The area is now clear and looks so much better.

*29 Jan - 147 Prairie Creek Trail, N47.* Area completed. We had 8 FWCC and 2 N58 volunteers. Plenty of junipers for everyone to cut and limb up. We thanked Kathleen and Paul for the refreshments. What a great neighborhood. J

*22 Jan - 129 Prairie Creek Trail.* We had 11 FWCC and Bob from N47 come out. We will need to return to complete the area farther down.

**Completed Work Locations:** 2018 TYD: 13  
2019 YTD: 3

*Volunteer Crew List* Total: 54 Volunteers,  
Weekly emails of 38, New Volunteers in 2019: 3  
Our Firewise Clearing Crew volunteers make a difference in helping to keeping our community safe. Thank you all!

Petra Garren

Firewise Volunteer Clearing Crew Coordinator

## CURRENT PUBLICATIONS

[Click here for copy](#)

Being Firewise Around Your Home  
What is Firewise? It's All About the **EMBERS!**  
Sun City and Firewise Ignition Zones  
Ashe Juniper (Cedar) in Sun City Texas

## 2018 and previous years Firewise Renewal Documents

The narrative files for Firewise Recognition status are available on the web site. Click [here](#) to read the documents.