

Local FireSmart™ Representative Program Background

Purpose of the LFR Program

The Local FireSmart™ Representative (LFR) workshop was developed to assist community leaders and fire professionals to become familiar with and implement all components of the FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program (NRP). The NRP is a program of FireSmart Canada and is delivered by the provinces and territories in partnership with trained LFR's.

Role of the LFR

The Local FireSmart Representative is an individual who has attended a LFR workshop and been trained in the delivery of the Neighbourhood Recognition Program to assist residents to prepare for and reduce wildfire risks within and adjacent their neighbourhood. The LFR works with key neighbourhood residents (Champions and FireSmart Committees) to develop a Neighbourhood Wildfire Hazard Assessment and FireSmart Neighbourhood Plan and then assists the FireSmart Champion and Committee to plan and hold FireSmart Events that target reduction of priority wildfire hazard items in the neighbourhood. The LFR helps residents to submit forms for initial Neighbourhood Recognition and annual renewals. The LFR is supported by the FireSmart Provincial / Territorial Liaison who provides program oversight and direction.

FireSmart Canada Local FireSmart Representative Expectations

Activities of the LFR

1. Recruit and motivate neighbourhood leaders to promote and apply FireSmart principles across their neighbourhood.
2. Conduct a site visit and complete the Neighbourhood Wildfire Hazard Assessment form and work with the FireSmart Champion/Committee to develop a FireSmart Neighbourhood Plan.
3. Assist the FireSmart Champion/Committee to host and deliver FireSmart Events and subsequently apply to FireSmart Canada for FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition and Renewal.
4. Assist neighbourhoods to participate in additional FireSmart initiatives (rebate programs, Wildfire Community Preparedness Day activities).
5. Maintain current knowledge regarding FireSmart issues and continue to educate yourself on wildland fire behaviour and how structures are threatened by wildfire ignition.

Responsibilities of the LFR

6. Use forms and materials provided on the FireSmart Canada webpage for all assessments, plans and presentations.
7. Follow the FireSmart Canada brand usage policy as outlined on the FireSmart Canada webpage.
8. Provide expertise consistent with LFR workshop training and within the scope of abilities/ experience – refer questions related to FireSmart activities and tasks to Provincial Liaisons.

Commencing Jan. 1, 2021

FireSmart Canada has the following expectations of Local FireSmart Representatives

- i) Complete the FireSmart 101 - online training course.
- ii) Attend the updated eight-hour online LFR workshop and remain current with changes to the Neighbourhood Recognition Program as periodically updated on the FireSmart Canada website.

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