

AICG ARIZONA FIREWISE SUBCOMMITTEE CHARTER

I. Purpose and Authority

Successful implementation of the *National Fire Plan, the 10-year Implementation Plan, and the Cohesive Fuels Treatment Strategy* is a top priority for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior, the Governor of Arizona, and Arizona tribes. Through the guidance of the Arizona Interagency Coordinating Group (AICG), Arizona Firewise is committed to collaborative and cooperative approaches and processes to implement the common purposes articulated in the Implementation Plan and the National Fire Plan.

Arizona Firewise will report to AICG on a quarterly basis or as the Chair requests. The AICG Chair will keep the Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG) briefed as appropriate.

II. Objectives

The overall objective of Arizona Firewise is to provide cooperative leadership and oversight in order to develop and deliver a coordinated statewide Firewise education program that seeks to protect communities and the environment from catastrophic wildfire.

Efforts of Arizona Firewise will focus on three key approaches to wildland urban interface fire management:

1. *Prevention* – Facilitate and coordinate programs designed to reduce unwanted human caused wildland fires.
2. *Education* – Empower the public and fire management community to learn how they can work together to reduce the risk of wildfire.
3. *Mitigation* – Facilitate and promote necessary actions to reduce the risk of loss or damage resulting from wildland fire.

III. Specific Actions

- Assist and support wildfire prevention programs and encourage the adoption of Mitigation and Education approaches by traditional prevention partners
- Facilitate the adoption and application of Firewise principles and characteristics to reduce the number of structures lost to wildfire
- Promote personal responsibility in the prevention of unplanned ignitions and implementation of mitigation activities designed to prevent structure loss or damage

- Promote fire-adapted wildland urban interface communities by supporting the concept of individual and community responsibility and practices that reduce the wildfire risk for communities
- Pursue educational opportunities to inform jurisdictional authorities about methods to address WUI Fire Codes
- Develop Key Messages for target audiences: Community leaders, homeowners, landscape professionals, tree service professionals, developers, builders and others
- Develop and disseminate Firewise informational materials to target audiences and agencies
- Encourage partners to “speak with one voice” in a coordinated public information and education efforts
- Identify efficient and effective procedures to integrate Firewise information into public education processes
- Encourage participation by federal, state, tribal and local agencies and organizations
- Facilitate solutions to wildland urban interface fire issues through effective partnerships at all levels
- Ensure appropriate coordination, collaboration and information sharing with other groups and organizations for subject matter and specific tasks of the committee
- Communicate major accomplishments, program changes or controversies to AICG and partnering agencies and organizations

IV. Committee Structure/Membership

Membership will reflect a mix of people who are knowledgeable in the subject area of the committee and will be aligned with AICG membership. Other key organizations that accept and provide leadership in wildfire issues in Arizona are encouraged to participate and may gain membership following a vote by the committee. Members may send another representative to meetings when the formal member is unable to attend.

Arizona Firewise’s organization is aligned similar with AICG to ensure collaboration and cooperation among the Federal, State, tribal partners and other agencies within the state of Arizona.

V. Task Groups

Task groups may be identified and created as needed. Each group will submit a program of work and report regularly at quarterly meetings.

VI. Administration

The Arizona Firewise subcommittee will meet on a quarterly basis. Meetings will generally be held on the third Wednesday every three months (i.e. February, May, August and November) unless members agree to another date due to extenuating circumstances. Special meetings may be called as necessary. Polling members in advance of meetings will identify agenda items.

The subcommittee is governed by a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be determined by the subcommittee and approved by AICG. The Vice-Chair will advance to the chair position at the conclusion of the Chair's term in office. Positions will be held for two years with nominations and election occurring at the winter meeting on odd numbered years. Chair rotation will occur among active membership.

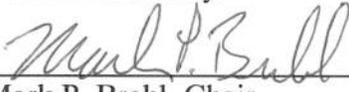
The chair is responsible for convening meetings and preparing any records and reports.

The Vice-Chair will fulfill the duties of Chair as needed. The Vice Chair will advance to the Chair at the conclusion of the Chair's term in office.

Costs Associated with individual agency travel, per diem, communications, supplies and equipment will be the responsibility of each agency.

The term of this Charter will be five years from the signing by the AICG Chair. Amendments or revisions to this charter may be made at any time, subject to the written concurrence and approval of member agencies.

Recommended by:



Mark P. Brehl, Chair
AICG Firewise Subcommittee

2/11/2010
Date

Approved by:



Jeff Hickerson, Chair
Arizona Interagency Coordinating Group

2/18/2010
Date