



FireSmart® BC LFR Facilitator Policy

Background:

The FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program (FCNRP) is designed to assist residents with the self-organized implementation of FireSmart principles in and around their neighbourhoods.

The key to the success of the program are the Local FireSmart Representatives (LFR). These individuals are selected for their LFR role because they are well versed in FireSmart principles, are passionate about building wildland fire resiliency, are knowledgeable about the FCNRP, and are experienced with wildland/urban interface (WUI) hazard mitigation protocols.

FireSmart BC is increasing BC's capacity to deliver these workshops and are looking for interested participants to join the BCFSC LFR Train the Trainer program. The program allows Trainees to become qualified as LFR Facilitators that can then host LFR workshops at a regional or local level.

As FireSmart Canada is a national program, FireSmart BC recognizes the importance of maintaining program consistency through strong compliance with established program and training fundamentals.

Requirement for Facilitators:

All Facilitator Trainees must be qualified, such as employees of a wildfire management or other emergency services agency or role, local government and First Nations communities who are involved with the FireSmart program, fire department, and/or contractors that are personally experienced in engaging the public in FireSmart activities. Candidates **MUST** be well versed in FireSmart principles and have experience in wildland/urban interface (WUI) hazard mitigation protocols, with depth of experience and presentation skills well established.

With LFR training and orientation being provided solely through the LFR workshop, it is an essential bridge between the FCNRP and successful neighbourhood uptake of that program. During this concentrated learning experience a significant amount of information, processes, and perspectives must be passed from the facilitator to students for LFR's to produce the necessary trust, credibility and confidence in residents.

In recognition of these factors, Partners in Protection has determined that regional LFR workshop deliveries must proceed in accordance with established policy respecting workshop coordination, facilitator qualifications, training materials and participant certification details.

All LFR workshops will be delivered by a minimum of two FireSmart BC qualified Facilitators. In order to become a qualified Facilitator, Trainees must complete the Train the Trainer program and receive a positive recommendation for qualification by the BCFSC Facilitator Trainer. The program encompasses the following steps:

Facilitator training progression:

1. Facilitator trainee completes the Local FireSmart Workshop and FireSmart 101 and is a certified LFR.

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2. Facilitator trainee shares instruction of two LFR workshops with another member of the BCFSC LFR Facilitator team. Facilitator trainee instructs 3-4 modules.
3. Facilitator trainee leads the instruction of a third LFR workshop. Facilitator trainee instructs 5+ modules.
4. Facilitator trainee successfully completes the BCFSC LFR Train the Trainer program and will be nominated to FireSmart Canada as a qualified LFR Facilitator.