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CHRISTINA RANDALL  
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Dear CHRISTINA,

Thank you for renewing your active status as a recognized Firewise Community. Your community's hard work in 2014 places it in good standing with more than 1,140 other communities from across the nation who are showing their recognition of local volunteer action. We want to share new program information with you in this letter and ways you can share your successes in 2015.

- **The "2015" Stickers**

Enclosed are the new 2015 decals that are to be placed at the bottom of each of the Firewise Community metal signs that University Park HOA received when initially recognized. The 2015 stickers let your community highlight its active status to neighbors and locals. They are sent on the honor system so your community does not appear a year behind in status. To remain in good standing, please plan and complete a Firewise Day for 2015 and be sure to renew your status.

- **Promoting your Firewise status and accomplishments**

To help you promote your good standing as a Firewise community, enclosed is a sample "anniversary" press release for your use with local media. If you need an electronic version, please email [tthorpe@nfpa.org](mailto:tthorpe@nfpa.org).

- **Planning your Firewise day in 2015**

Remember your Firewise "day" can mean a singular event that rallies your community to action, or a series of efforts that capture the every-day work accomplishments. Examples of Firewise Day activities include annual educational events; chipper days; group clean-up days of community trails and open space; neighbors helping elderly neighbors with seasonal mitigation work; community education events with local fire departments; documenting resident's work cleaning gutters, roofs and ignition zones around their home of vegetation debris; and others work that makes the whole community safer.

- **Reporting your Firewise Day in 2015**

As 2015 unfolds, please let us know about your wildfire safety activities and Firewise Day events. Don't wait till year's end to share Firewise information and renew. The best time to report on these is when you have completed your annual Firewise Day and documented your annual per-capita investment. Consider the **National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on May 2, 2015**, to build excitement in your community for a day of collaboration. Use the online renewal portal at [www.Firewise.org/login](http://www.Firewise.org/login) to make you annual renewal and report on any additional Firewise activities from the year. Your username is your email address, and your password is the word "password", unless you have updated it in the system already. You can access and update your community activity anytime.

- **Share Firewise Materials to Build Knowledge**

The Firewise Program catalog (<http://www.firewise.org/catalog>) provides print, DVD, and give-away items that are free of charge and shipping. Browse the catalogue and order items for your community to use at an annual meeting, Firewise Day event, or in your outreach to neighboring communities. Firewise apparel can be purchased for low cost.

On behalf of the national Firewise Communities/USA program, congratulations and thank you for your continued efforts and accomplishments with local wildfire preparedness and safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Deaton', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Lucian Deaton  
Firewise Communities/USA Program Manager