

## **Firewise Workshop To Be Held In Little Rock**

April 30, 2008

Each year in the U.S., hundreds of homes are lost to wildfire. But this need not happen -- homes and landscapes can be modified to become more resistant to the threat of wildfire. "Assessing Wildfire Hazards in the Home Ignition Zone" was developed by the national Firewise Communities program to teach fire and forestry professionals as well as community planners, builders, developers, and others, how to identify the risks and – more importantly – to help residents and communities become safer. The third session in this training workshop series for 2008 will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas in mid-May.

The workshop will be offered at The Peabody Little Rock on May 20-21, 2008. The course is based on decades of fire science research into how homes ignite during wildfires. The concept of the "home ignition zone" – the home and its surroundings within 100 to 200 feet – was developed from models, experiments and case studies by USDA Forest Service research scientist Jack Cohen.

The course tuition is \$200 and includes two days of instruction, class materials, continental breakfasts, lunches and breaks. Workshop participants will learn about:

- Research Case Studies
- Risk Factors in the Home Ignition Zone
- Inspecting the Home Ignition Zone
- Documenting the Assessment

The course also includes Q&A and simulation exercises to reinforce the information learned.

You can review the enclosed workshop flyer and registration form for complete information on the course. As a Firewise leader in your region, you can be of great help to the mission of wildfire safety by telling your colleagues and customers about this educational opportunity. I've also enclosed a press release for your use.

To register, go to: [www.firewise.org/hizworkshop](http://www.firewise.org/hizworkshop)