



Edmonton Fire Hosts 2016 FireSmart Workshop

November 29, 2016

Edmonton Fire Rescue Services has partnered with FireSmart Canada to offer a two-day workshop aimed at providing community leaders with the tools and skills required to create "FireSmart Communities." The workshop takes place November 29 - 30, 2016.

"Teaching citizens to build FireSmart communities assists our department in protecting the life, property and environment of Edmonton," said Fire Chief Ken Block. "Edmonton Fire Rescue Services is proud to host the 2016 Local FireSmart Representative Workshop, and we are grateful to our partners at FireSmart Canada for this opportunity."

The FireSmart Community Recognition Program helps community leaders and fire officials understand the hazards that can cause wildland and urban wildfires. Understanding those hazards can help communities reduce the risk of wildfire in their neighbourhoods.

"Citizen involvement is the cornerstone of the FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program," said FireSmart President, Laura Stewart. "This workshop will empower neighbourhoods to draw on community spirit and willingness in order to take responsibility for reducing wildfire risks."

The workshop was funded through the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta and is being held at the Edmonton Fire Rescue Services Training School.

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