

FREE WILDFIRE MITIGATION TRAINING

Brought to you by the National Volunteer Fire Council and the U.S. Forest Service; hosted by the Essex Fire Department.



WHEN

9:30am – 5:00pm EST, on Tuesday, June 10
9:00am – 12:00pm EST, on Wednesday, June 11



WHERE

Essex Fire Department, 11 John Wise Ave., Essex,
MA 01929



PROVISIONS

Lunch and other provisions will be the responsibility of each attendee. Local restaurants are available, or attendees can bring their own lunches/snacks if preferred.



QUESTIONS?

Contact District Forest Fire Warden Joshua Nigro at
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REGISTER HERE!

<https://bit.ly/44tC8N2>



Registration is free and open to anyone wishing to learn more about wildfire mitigation and home assessments.

WHAT TO EXPECT: 3 classes, 2 days

- Wildland Fire Assessment Program
- Using Your Community's Vulnerabilities to Raise Wildfire Awareness
- Introduction to the Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Wildland Fire Assessment Program

The Wildland Fire Assessment Program (WFAP) will teach you how to work-side-by-side with homeowners to identify threats around their property that may be susceptible to wildfires. The WFAP is a joint effort between the National Volunteer Fire Council and the U.S. Forest Service to prepare fire department members with the necessary information, skills, and resources to conduct home safety assessments and provide residents with recommendations as to how to make their homes more fire adapted in the wildland-urban interface. Learn more at www.nvfc.org/wfap.

Classroom Session

You'll learn the fundamentals of assessing a home and working with residents to make their property more resilient to wildfires.

Hands-on Training

Put it into practice! You'll evaluate a home in the community to gain a better understanding of a home assessment and put classroom knowledge into action. *You will be outside, so dress appropriately.*

Using Your Community's Vulnerabilities to Raise Wildfire Awareness

Classroom Only

"Vulnerability" is not just for talking about our feelings! In terms of community risk reduction (CRR), vulnerability is the likelihood that an individual or group will suffer harm or loss from a hazardous situation, environment, or event. CRR specifically defines 5 types of vulnerability as they relate to hazards: human, social, economic, environmental, and political. All CRR models use those vulnerability types to determine high-risk areas in a community, and who is at most risk from the hazards that exist. We can apply those vulnerability types to our own communities and personalize the risk that wildfire presents for different populations in our response areas. By doing so, we will raise community awareness of the dangers and long-term damages of wildfire, in turn helping our community members to embrace mitigation efforts and protection plans. Learn more at <https://virtualclassroom.nvfc.org/>.

Introduction to the Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal

Classroom Only

Accurate and up-to-date wildfire risk information is critical for the effective and efficient implementation of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy. The Northeast-Midwest Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal consists of a variety of data, user-friendly applications and planning tools that can be used to help prioritize areas in a federal, state, Tribal, community, local jurisdiction or landscape where tactical analyses, community interaction and education, or mitigation treatments that might be necessary to reduce risk from wildfires. Learn more at <https://northeastmidwestwildfirerisk.com/>