



GLACIER VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Dear Larimer County Sheriff's Office,

The Glacier View Fire Protection District has worked wildfire mitigation projects after the 2012 High Park Fire, and especially after the 2020 Cameron Peak Fire. We have formed a Community Wildfire Protection Plan Implementation Team. Part of this Team is the Wildfire Ambassador Program. Wildfire Ambassadors visit property owners within the Glacier View Fire Protection District and provide an assessment of their home's wildfire risk. The property owners can then address the highlighted at risk areas in the assessment report to increase their home hardening safety.

We initiated this activity in early 2023, but were frustrated by not having a clear path for home hardening education, report generation software, and Ambassador training. All of these needs were satisfied after Raina Eshleman, of the Larimer County Sheriff's Office of Wildfire Partners Program offered her assistance. She supplied the Safety Culture software that could be loaded on our iPads, and trained us on how to use it. She taught how to walk the property with the homeowner, and gently educate them on home hardening goals and objectives. She educated how to generate the assessment reports, and the requirement that these were documents confidential to the homeowner only.

Our nine GVFPD Ambassadors have completed 29 Wildfire Assessment so far this year. With Raina, we presented our results at the 2024 Colorado Wildfire Conference in Snowmass the first week of October.

Sadly, we now hear that Raina has decided to leave the LCSO and pursue other opportunities. We will miss her leadership and expert training. We hope that the Larimer County Commissioners recognize Raina's contributions. We request her open position be interviewed and filled as soon as possible with a qualified person with the home ignition zone assessment, program management, and grant support skills that we have relied on under Raina's leadership. This position has not only been instrumental in kick starting our Ambassador program, but nine other programs in the County. We plan to recruit more Ambassadors this fall, and train them this winter, to be ready next spring. We would like to again have the help of the LCSO Wildfire Partners Program to make this happen.

Thank you for your continuing support,

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