



# NEWS RELEASE

## CLAY FIRE

18355 Auten Road, South Bend, Indiana 46637

Fire Chief Timm Schabbel

[www.clayfd.com](http://www.clayfd.com)

574-272-2144

**CONTACT: Todd Wetter**  
Battalion Chief  
574-272-3012

**RELEASE DATE: 11/28/2015**

## Laurel Rd. Fire changes the 1<sup>st</sup> bulb on Clay Fire's "Keep the Wreath Red"

**Clay Township, IN** - Crews from Clay Fire were called to the 52200 block of Laurel Road just after 9am Saturday morning for a reported shed fire. Units arrived on scene within minutes to find a fire had burned through the side of the shed from floor to ceiling. The fire was quickly brought under control and contained to the shed. A radiant type space heater was just recently installed to keep six cat warm. Four of the six were found alive. The cause of the fire is still under investigation but appears the fires started by the space heater. With this fire comes the changing of the 1st red bulb on the "Keep the Wreath Red" program. "Keep the Wreath Red" is a holiday fire safety program designed to increase fire safety awareness. Our goal is to keep the bulbs on the wreath red throughout the Holiday Season. In the event of a fire, firefighters will replace one red bulb with a white one.

Per NFPA, Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (33%) of home heating fires and four out of five (81%) of home heating fire deaths. The Clay Fire Community Risk Reduction Division would like to remind the community to keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater. Also, Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.



**-END-**



[www.facebook.com/Clay.Fire.Territory](http://www.facebook.com/Clay.Fire.Territory)

[@Clay\\_Fire](https://twitter.com/Clay_Fire)

*A n A c c r e d i t e d F i r e D e p a r t m e n t s i n c e 2 0 0 4*