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CLAY FIRE

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Clay Township House Fire

Around 8pm on Sunday January 10, 2016, The Clay Fire Territory received a call for a possible house fire in the 18900 block of Cedar Mill Ct in Clay Township. Crews arrived on scene within minutes to find a two story house with flames and smoke coming from the attic space above the family room and garage. The homeowners were home at the time of the fire and were alerted to the fire when they noticed smoke coming from around the bricks that surround their fireplace. The occupants were able to leave the home safely and called 911. The fire caused heavy damage to the attic space above the garage and family room, but it was contained to those areas. The fire is believed to have started in the area of the fireplace and chimney however the cause is still under investigation. Clay Fire Territory recommends having your chimney and fireplace cleaned and inspected every year prior to using it by a chimney specialist to reduce your risk of having a fire.



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