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## **Carbon Monoxide Sends 4 Occupants of One Home to the Hospital**

This morning, Clay Fire personnel responded to a call for a patient who had passed out multiple times. Shortly after entering the home, the carbon monoxide monitor that is attached to our medical equipment bags began sounding an alarm.

Carbon Monoxide, which is colorless and odorless, and a product of fossil fuels, is responsible for countless injuries and deaths yearly. The levels of the gas begin to be hazardous at 35 ppm(parts per million), the readings in the Harris Twp. home were over 400 ppm (parts per million) when firefighters entered.

All four occupants (2 Adults & 2 Children) were transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

It is believed that the source of the carbon monoxide was the furnace.

Clay Fire is reminding residents to have all natural gas appliances; water heaters, clothes dryers, and especially furnaces checked for proper operation, and ventilation. Improperly vented wood burning heating devices are also a source.

Carbon Monoxide detectors can warn you of this danger and should be located in every home in the same locations as smoke detectors.

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