



# *NEWS RELEASE*

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## **Ashes from Fireplace changes the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final bulb on Clay Fire's "Keep the Wreath Red"**

**German Township, IN** - Crews from Clay Fire were called to the 23000 block of Adams Road for fire on the back of a residence. Crews from District 23 arrived to find a small fire mainly extinguished by the home owner. The fire was contained to the exterior with some smoke throughout the residence. The Community Risk Reduction Division investigated the cause of the Fire. The fire started from ashes from the fireplace that were removed Saturday night and placed on the exterior porch next to the house. With this fire comes the changing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final red bulbs on the "Keep the Wreath Red" program for this holiday season. "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 that could have been prevented, firefighters will replace one red bulb with a white one.

The Community Risk Reduction Division of Clay Fire would like to remind the community that half of all home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January and February. Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home. Also, Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



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