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## **CLAY FIRE**

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## **Chicken Coop Fire changes 3<sup>rd</sup> bulb on Clay Fire's "Keep the Wreath Red"**

**German Township, IN** - Crews from Clay Fire Station 23 and Southwest Central Fire Territory were called to the 24600 block of Edison Road in German Township about 8:15pm on Monday for a detach structure fire. Firefighters from Southwest Central Fire Territory arrived on scene within minutes to find a chicken coop that was on fire. Property owner was home and was able to get all ducks and chickens out of the enclosure. None of the animals were injured at the fire. The fire is still under investigation, but the cause of the fire may have started by a heat lamp to close to combustible materials.

This fire brings the changing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 at all five stations representing this fire that could have been prevented. The monitored residential fire alarm, gave early activation of the fire service to help keep the damage to a minimum.

Per NFPA, Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, heat lamps, or portable space heater.



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