



# CLAY FIRE

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## MEDIA ADVISORY & PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

### CLAY FIRE TERRITORY WANTS TO REMIND PEOPLE ABOUT CANDLE SAFETY

**WHO:** Clay Fire Territory

**WHAT:** Clay Fire Territory will be changing the red bulb with a white bulb on the wreath for "Keep the Wreath Red" program because of the fire on Adams Road.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 08, 2009  
9:30 am

**WHERE:** Clay Fire Territory  
18776 Cleveland Road  
South Bend, IN

**WHY:** Clay Fire Territory responded to the 22,000 block of Adams Road about 4am this morning in German Township for a residence fire. The fire was the result of a candle left burning and caused about \$50,000 of damage. The occupants were awakened by working smoke alarms throughout the home and no one was hurt. With this fire comes the changing of the 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. In the event of a fire, firefighters will replace one of the red bulbs with a white one. The goal is to keep the bulbs on that wreath red.

Clay Fire would like to remind everyone decorative and fragranced candles may be an attractive addition to your home décor, but if used improperly, they can be a serious fire hazard. According to the National Fire Protection Association Journal article, "Candle Fires on the Rise", residential fires caused by candles have more than doubled over the past decade.

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