



# CLAY FIRE

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **CLAY FIRE CHANGES BULB ON WREATH DUE TO FIRE IN THE ATTIC FROM A RECESSED LIGHT**

**Granger, IN-** Clay Fire Territory responded to the 50,600 block of Ridgemoor Way about 10:30pm tonight in Clay Township for a residence fire. The fire was the result of a recessed light fixture in the attic and caused about \$1,500 of damage. The occupants had working smoke alarms throughout the home and no one was hurt. With this fire comes the changing of the second 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 that the surface temperature of a bulb can be hundreds of degrees. This type of heat can cause fires. In fact, many residential fires have resulted from improperly installed or modified recessed light fixtures. This is especially true in older homes that have old recessed light fixtures. In these situations, homeowners have mistakenly covered older fixtures with insulation. This insulation traps the heat created by the bulb. This heat, in turn, can either melt the insulation on the electrical wiring or ignite combustible materials near the fixture.

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