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PRESS RELEASE

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CLAY FIRE TERRITORY CHANGES A BULB ON THE "RED WREATH" DUE TO FAILURE IN A FIREPLACE

Granger, Indiana - Clay Fire Territory responded to a possible residence fire in the 51000 block of Harvest Trail, in Harris Township, at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2010. The fire was below the fire box as a result of a separation of the fire box. The occupants had old smoke alarms with no battery backup, so after the fire had been extinguished, new smoke alarms were installed on the 1st and 2nd floors of the residence. With this fire comes the changing of the first 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.

Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes and account for 36% of heating-related residential home fires in rural areas every year. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently. As a precautionary measure, Clay Fire Territory urges everyone to have their chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned by a certified chimney specialist annually.

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