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PRESS RELEASE

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CLAY FIRE TERRITORY CHANGES A 2nd BULB ON THE "RED WREATH" DUE TO FAILURE IN A FIREPLACE

Granger, Indiana - Clay Fire Territory responded to a residence fire in the 52000 block of Gumwood, in Clay Township, at approximately 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 23, 2010. The fire is under investigation but it started between the fireplace and the wall. 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. 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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