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PRESS RELEASE

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CANDLE CAUSES CLAY FIRE TERRITORY CHANGES A 3rd BULB ON THE "RED WREATH"

Clay Township, Indiana - Clay Fire Territory responded to a residence fire in the 19000 block of Kelley St., in Clay Township, at approximately 7:20 p.m. on Saturday, December 25, 2010. The fire was a result of a candle left unattended to close to a bed. Two occupants were transported to the hospital. With this fire comes the changing of the third 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.

NFPA reports that more than one-third (36%) of home candle fires started in bedrooms. These fires caused 44% of the associated deaths and half (49%) of the associated injuries. As a precautionary measure, Clay Fire Territory urges everyone to Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.

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