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PRESS RELEASE

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"KEEP THE WREATH RED" WITH HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

South Bend, IN- As we are in the holiday season, the Clay Fire Territory would like to remind you to keep your holiday safe and happy. Clay Fire Territory is teaming up with other fire departments across the country in the "Keep the Wreath Red" program. This year, the program will run from Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd through New Year's Days, Tuesday, January 1st, 2013.

Clay Fire Territory has placed the wreath, which is illuminated with red bulbs in front of the Fire Station at 18776 Cleveland Road, which is visible to all. "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 has changed 2 bulbs to white since the wreath has been put up on Thanksgiving. Clay Fire responded to the 19200 block of Darden Road in Clay Township about 1:30am on November 22nd for a Residence Fire. This fire was caused by improper use of smoking materials that led to a fatality of the occupant. This fire show how dangerous smoking material can be. This event caused the changing of the first red bulb on the "Keep the Wreath Red" program. Then on November 23 at about 7:45pm, Clay Fire was called to the 22900 block of Arbor Pointe Drive in German Township for a Chimney Fire. The fire was contained to the chimney. This fire reminds us this is the time of year that chimney's need to be cleaned and inspected to prevent a fire. This event led to the changing of the second red bulb on the "Keep the Wreath Red" program.

Both of these fires were preventable. We hope that the "Keep the Wreath Red" program reminds people during the holiday season to watch for hazards and stop them before they happen.

We all want to have a safe and happy holiday season. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Service Division at (574) 272-2144 or visit www.clayfd.com, or follow us at <http://www.facebook.com/Clay.Fire.Territory> and on twitter https://twitter.com/Clay_Fire.

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