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PRESS RELEASE

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BASEMENT FIRE CAUSES CLAY FIRE CHANGES A BULB ON THE “RED WREATH”

Granger, Indiana – At approx. 9:08pm on December 20th, Clay Fire Territory was dispatched for a residential fire alarm in the 51500 block of Stratton Court in Clay Township. As fire apparatus entered the block, smoke was visible from the residence. Fire crews entered the front door to find high heat and heavy smoke on the first floor. The fire was located in the finished basement and brought under control in less than 30 minutes. The entire main floor suffered heavy smoke damage, while the basement had heavy fire damage. No one was at home at time of the fire. No civilian or firefighter’s injuries occurred. This fire is under investigation by the Clay Fire Territory Fire Marshal. With this fire comes the changing of the 4th 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.

From 2005 to 2007, an estimated 108,400 winter residential building fires occurred annually in the United States. These fires result in an estimated average of approximately 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and \$1,708,000,000 in property loss each year. This report addresses the characteristics of winter residential building fires reported to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) between 2005 and 2007. Winter residential building fires are defined as those residential building fires that occur in the months of January, February, and March.

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