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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 28nd through New Year's Days, Wednesday, January 1st, 2014.

Clay Fire Territory will place a wreath, which is illuminated with red bulbs in front of the Fire Station 21 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.

As the holiday season approaches, final preparations for family get-togethers and parties are being made. With several guests visiting, the holidays can get hectic. As such, it is easy to get distracted when cooking. Before cooking, be sure to test all smoke alarms.

The following are some important safety tips that are applicable year-round, but are especially important during the holiday season.

- Don't leave any food cooking unattended
- Keep the stovetop clear of any flammable items
- Have a fire extinguisher close by, never use water on a grease fire
- In case of fire, turn off the heat and close the door
- Always use a turkey or deep fryers outside and a safe distance from buildings
- Smoke alarms should be on all levels of a house especially by sleeping areas

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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