



# CLAY FIRE

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **APARTMENT FIRE CAUSES A 2<sup>ND</sup> BULB ON THE "KEEP THE WREATH RED"**

**Clay Township, IN** – At approx. 9:56 a.m. on Friday November 29, 2013, Clay Fire Territory was dispatched to a commercial fire alarm at Wood Ridge Assisted Living located in the 17000 block of Generation Drive in Clay Township. Fire crews arrived within minutes of being dispatched and were met by employee's in the parking lot, the employee's stated that there is a fire in an apartment. Fire crews made entry to the apartment and found that the fire had been extinguished by the sprinkler system. The apartment received minor fire damage and moderate smoke damage. The fire appears to have started in the microwave oven. At this time the fire is still under investigation by the Clay Fire Marshal. With this fire comes the changing of the 2nd 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.

Per NFPA, Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. It's important to be alert to prevent cooking fires.

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

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](http://www.clayfd.com), or follow us at <http://www.facebook.com/Clay.Fire.Territory> and on twitter [https://twitter.com/Clay\\_Fire](https://twitter.com/Clay_Fire).



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