



CLAY FIRE

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Subject: House Fire 19000 block Dresden

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At 3:30 pm. Clay Fire Territory responded to a fire in the bedroom of a residence located in the 19000 block of Dresden. The fire was quickly extinguished and contained to the bedroom. According to Fire Marshall Dave Cherrone, A child was playing with what he believed to be an 8" toy guitar when in fact it was a novelty lighter. Novelty lighters are exempt from the child safety features that are required of and found on all other lighters. When the lighter ignited, the child dropped the lighter and ran out of his room. All occupants escaped with no injuries. In past years, legislation has been attempted but unsuccessful to either ban the sale of novelty lighters or require them to meet the same child resistance as non-novelty lighters. If you have any novelty lighters in your home and have small children either keep them locked up or dispose of them.