



# *NEWS RELEASE*

## **CLAY FIRE**

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## **Auten Road House Fire**

At 0231 hours on December 13, 2014 Clay Fire was dispatched to the 17000 block of Auten Road in Clay Township for a report of a fire on the back porch of a house. Clay Fire arrived within minutes of being dispatched and found a heavily involved house on fire from the rear area of the house. The fire was extinguished without incident and all occupants of the house escaped prior to Clay Fire arrival. A family cat perished in the fire. The fire appears to be accidental and is under investigation.

Clay Fire would like to remind you that the winter holiday season is a festive and eventful time of year that traditionally includes notable increases in celebrations, family gatherings, and the presence of overnight houseguests. Nearly 60 percent of people expect to host guests in their homes during the holiday season.

Preparing for the arrival of guests in the midst of the hectic holiday season can be challenging. While festive decorations and savory food may seem like the most important aspects of holiday entertaining, remember not to overlook the safety of your guests. Statistics show that incidents of home fires and electrical accidents typically increase during the winter holiday season.



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