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Chimney Fire causes a 2nd white bulb on the “Keep the Wreath Red”

Harris Township, IN - At 0958 hours on December 14, 2014, Clay Fire was dispatched to the 51000 block of Paddock Drive in Harris Township for a possible residence fire with a fire in the chimney. During investigation, a fire had occurred and was contained to the flue of the chimney with no extension to the residence. 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.

This is second fire for Clay Fire during the holiday season involving fire in the chimney. Deputy Fire Marshal Ron Melser would like to remind people that “Clean chimneys don’t catch fire and to make sure you have a Certified Chimney Sweep clean and inspect your solid fuel venting systems annually.” Burning of a solid fuel creates creosote that is black or brown in appearance. It can be crusty and flaky...tar-like, drippy and sticky...or shiny and hardened. Whatever form that it takes, creosote is highly combustible. If creosote builds up in sufficient quantities – and the internal flue temperature is high enough – the result could be a chimney fire.



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