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CLAY FIRE

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Unattended Cooking changes the 1st bulb on Clay Fire's "Keep the Wreath Red"

Clay Township, IN - Crews from Clay Fire were called to the 51000 block of Grand Oaks Ct in Granger just after 2:15 am this morning for a residential fire alarm. Firefighters from Station 22 arrived on scene within minutes to find smoke inside the home. Occupant was home and was awakened by the crews. Smoke had fill the residence from a pan that had been left unattended on the stove. The damage was contained only to the pan. No one was injured in the incident. This fire brings the changing of the 1st 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 at all five stations representing this fire that could have been prevented. The monitored residential fire alarm, gave early activation of the fire service to help keep the damage to a minimum.

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. Unattended equipment was a factor in one-third (33%) of reported home cooking fires and half (49%) of the associated deaths.



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