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### ***First Candle Extinguished on Fire Safety Tree***

A residential structure fire in the 1600 block of Kauai Court in the Midway Fire District represents the first candle extinguished on the “Keep Your Holidays Bright” fire safety tree. One adult in stable condition was transported to Gulf Breeze Hospital for inhalation burns and minor skin burns. Santa Rosa County Emergency Communications was notified of the fire at 1:43 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4. Crews arrived on scene at 1:47 p.m. and the fire was extinguished by 2:06 p.m. Units from Midway, Gulf Breeze, Holley-Navarre and Pensacola Beach responded. The fire, which may have been caused by a charging battery in the garage, destroyed approximately 50 percent of the home with damages estimated at \$70,000-80,000. The state fire marshal is investigating.

Santa Rosa County emergency service agencies are teaming up for the seventh year to promote fire safety during the month of December with the “Keep Your Holidays Bright” campaign. While a joyous time of year, cold weather, holiday decorations and festivities can create serious fire dangers. Firefighters hope to reduce the number of fires in Santa Rosa County by promoting simple, life-saving holiday safety tips throughout the month. In the first year nine candles were extinguished on the safety tree, three in the second year, six in the 2009 campaign, four in 2010, six in 2011 and three in 2012. For more fire safety tips, visit [www.santarosa.fl.gov](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov) or follow us on twitter [@srcbocc](https://twitter.com/srcbocc).

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