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

A residential fire in the 9400 block of Frank Hardy Road represents the third candle extinguished on the “Keep Your Holidays Bright” fire safety tree. The call was received by Santa Rosa Emergency Communications at 9:55 a.m. and when crews arrive on scene at 10:06 a.m., the fire was fully involved. Crews from Munson, Skyline, Whiting Field, Harold and Allentown fire departments responded. With more than \$50,000 in damage, the fire destroyed the home, displacing two adults who are now staying with family. The state fire marshal was called to investigate the cause of the fire and the American Red Cross is assisting the residents.

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.

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