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First Candle Extinguished on Fire Safety Tree

A residential structure fire on the 7500 block of Big Oak Loop in Holley Navarre represents the first candle to be extinguished on the "Keep Your Holidays Bright" fire safety tree. Sadly, two adults were found dead in the home. Emergency communications was notified of the fire by a neighbor at 12:21 a.m. on Thursday, December 2. Crews arrived on scene at 12:32 a.m. and found the fire to be fully involved. Units from Holley-Navarre, East Milton, Navarre Beach and Midway responded and the fire marshal is investigating. The home is a total loss and the cause of the fire is currently unknown.

Holley Navarre Fire Chief Ron Norton estimates that due to the rural location, the fire may have been burning for approximately one hour before emergency communications was notified. Norton stressed the importance of having at least one working smoke detector in your home, as it may provide the only warning of a growing fire in your home. Ideally, smoke alarms should be installed outside every bedroom and on every level of your home, tested monthly and the battery changed every year. For more fire safety tips, visit www.santarosa.fl.gov.

Santa Rosa County emergency service agencies are teaming up for the fourth 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. Fire fighters 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, and six in the 2009 campaign.

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