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

A residential structure fire at the Gulf Villa Apartments located in the 1200 block of College Parkway in Midway represents the second candle to be extinguished on the "Keep Your Holidays Bright" fire safety tree. Santa Rosa County Emergency Communications received a call from the landlord at 10:45 a.m. reporting an attic fire. Midway, Gulf Breeze, Holley-Navarre, Avalon, Bagdad, Escambia, Brent and Navarre Beach fire departments responded with the first unit on scene at 10:47. Florosa Fire Department also moved over to provide coverage in the area. The fire was extinguished at 11:35 a.m. The Fire Marshall is investigating the fire and the cause is still unknown.

Two residents had to be woken up by firefighters and were medically evaluated on the scene and released. Ten adults and five children were displaced, with the American Red Cross providing assistance. Two units of the eight unit building had extensive fire and water damage, two units had extensive water damage, and four units had moderate smoke damage. Three of the units were not occupied.

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