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

A residential structure fire on the 4800 block of Covenant Circle in the Pace Fire District represents the first candle to be extinguished on the “Keep Your Holidays Bright” fire safety tree. Santa Rosa County Emergency Communications was notified of the fire at 4:15 a.m. by the homeowner who reported smoke in the home. Units from Pace, Avalon and Skyline fire departments responded to the fire which was contained to the attic. The family of two is temporarily displaced by the fire which is believed to have been caused by a faulty heating system. Damage is estimated at \$25,000-50,000.

Santa Rosa County emergency service agencies are teaming up for the fifth 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, six in the 2009 campaign and four in 2010. For more fire safety tips, visit [www.santarosa.fl.gov](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov).

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