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Second Candle Extinguished on Fire Safety Tree

A residential structure fire in the 5600 block of Wychewood Road in the Tanglewood subdivision represents the second candle to be extinguished on the "Keep Your Holidays Bright" fire safety tree. Santa Rosa County Emergency Communications received multiple calls reporting the fire and sounds of explosions beginning at 3:07 p.m. The fire was fully involved when crews arrived on scene at 3:16 p.m.

Units from Skyline, East Milton, Whiting Field, the City of Milton, Allentown, Pace and Harold fire departments; Lifeguard Ambulance Service and the sheriff's office responded to the fire. The explosions reported were ammunition rounds kept in the home going off due to the heat of the fire. One resident was home at the time and was able to leave the home safely. The house is a total loss and the American Red Cross is assisting the displaced family of three. The cause of the fire is currently unknown and the state fire marshal is investigating.

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.

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