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Third Candle Extinguished on Fire Safety Tree

A third residential structure fire for the day represents the third candle to be extinguished on the “Keep Your Holidays Bright” fire safety tree. Santa Rosa County Emergency Communications received a call at 6:57 p.m. regarding the fire in the 8300 block of Sierra Street in Navarre with crews arriving at 7:04 p.m. The mobile home’s roof was damaged by the fire with interior smoke and water damage. No one was injured. One person is displaced and will stay with family members. Holley-Navarre, Navarre Beach, Midway, and Florosa fire departments responded.

The fire is thought to have started in the home’s chimney. Holley-Navarre Fire District Chief Ron Norton urges residents to use fireplaces safely and states, “Chimney fires are preventable. This is a good reminder for all of us who have fireplaces or wood stoves, that it should be professionally inspected and cleaned each year.” According to Consumer Product Safety Commission, an average of 25,100 chimney fires are responsible for 30 deaths and \$126.1 million in property damage each year.

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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