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

A residential structure fire on Tuesday, December 27 represents the fifth candle to be extinguished on the “Keep Your Holidays Bright” fire safety tree. Santa Rosa County Emergency Communications received a call at 1:43 p.m. from a person in the home reporting a fire in a bedroom. Pace, Avalon, Skyline and Ferry Pass fire departments responded to the home located in the 5400 block of Timber Creek Drive in Pace.

A family of four was displaced by the fire which caused an estimated \$80,000-100,000 in damages to the home. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is thought to be a pinched electrical cord between a bed and a wall. Residents are reminded to not run electrical cords under a bed or trap them against a wall where heat can build up and cause a fire.

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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