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

A mobile home fire in the 4500 block of Gentry Farms Drive in East Milton represents the third candle to be extinguished on the "Keep Your Holidays Bright" fire safety tree. At 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, Santa Rosa County Emergency Communications received multiple calls reporting the fire, and crews arrived on scene at 7:20 p.m. The fire was called at 7:31 p.m. with crews from East Milton, Bagdad, Skyline, Harold, Holley-Navarre fire departments working together to put out the fire.

An adult male was transported by Lifeguard Ambulance Service, Inc. in stable condition to Santa Rosa Medical Center. The American Red Cross is assisting the two adults and three children who were displaced by the fire. The home is expected to be a total loss. 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 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.

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