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The Colerain Township Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services kicked off its' Keep the Wreath Red program last week on Monday 11/23/2015. The Keep the Wreath Red program, as covered by WLWT, is a Holiday Fire Prevention Program. A wreath was placed on the front of the Public Safety Services building; it began with 50 red bulbs lit up on it. Through the rest of the 2015 calendar year, each time the fire department responds to a fire that is deemed preventable, one of the red bulbs will be removed and it will be replaced with a white bulb. This way the public can keep track of preventable fire incidents through the holiday season.

Every year the holiday season brings a spike in the number of reported fires. A majority of the fires reported throughout the holiday season are preventable, which is why it is important to keep the public informed. Each red bulb that is replaced with a white bulb represents a chance for the Fire Department to provide fire prevention information.

If you drive past the wreath this week you will notice that a red bulb has already been replaced with a white one. For the week of 11/23/2015, The Colerain Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to one preventable fire. The fire occurred in the 3400 block of Alamosa drive. The fire was contained to a shed and items in the yard, with no extension into the home. The fire was a result of unsupervised juveniles, who were playing with a lighter in the backyard. This fire was deemed a preventable fire.

A few fire prevention items to think about throughout the holiday season are as follows: know the whereabouts of children during holiday vacation days, fire can be a friend and a foe – when contained in an appliance such as a furnace or stove it can help keep us warm or cook our food – when uncontained it can hurt and



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destroy, fire is not a toy, fire is a tool – only the distance between the shed and the home kept this from becoming a far more serious incident.

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