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Keep the Wreath Red

The Darien-Woodridge Fire District will again embark on a campaign to “Keep the Wreath Red”. This program is designed to emphasize fire safety during the holiday season.

Until New Years Day, a wreath will be placed on each of the three Darien-Woodridge fire stations. The wreaths will be lit with red bulbs. Each time there is a holiday related fire, a red bulb will be replaced with a white bulb. A wreath containing all red bulbs indicates our goal, a safe holiday season with no holiday related fires.

There are many things you can do to make the season safe this year.

- ◆ Keep live tree stands filled with water.
- ◆ Keep the tree, wreaths, and all holiday decorations, away from any heat source, such as fireplaces, space heaters, or heating ducts.
- ◆ Keep candles out of the reach of children.
- ◆ Check electrical cords for any cracks before using them.
- ◆ Turn off all holiday lights when going to bed or when leaving the house.
- ◆ When using a fireplace, make sure there is a fire screen in place, don't close the damper until the fire is completely out, and burn only wood.
- ◆ After any entertaining, check wastebaskets and furniture for smoldering cigarettes.
- ◆ Make sure your home has one working smoke detector per floor and that everyone knows how to exit in case of an emergency.
- ◆ Make sure that all exits are kept unobstructed.

All of the members of the Darien-Woodridge Fire District wish you a safe and happy holiday season. If there is any way we can assist you, contact us at 630-910-2207

The Keep the Wreath Red campaign is also conducted by many fire departments in the Chicagoland area.
