



Eau Claire Fire & Rescue
News Media Report

Date: 05/18/11 Dispatch Time: 23:02 Incident Number: 11-2902

Location: 1025 W Macarthur Ave

Incident type: [X] Fire [ ] Hazardous Materials [ ] Mass Casualty
[ ] Auto Casualty [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

Alarms: [X] 1st Alarm [X] 2nd Alarm [ ] 3rd Alarm [ ] Special Call

Engine(s) Responding: 4 Rescue/Medical vehicle(s): 2

Command Vehicle(s): 2 Number of Personnel Responding: 18

Injuries: Civilian(s) 1 Firefighter(s): 1

Transported by Ambulance: [X] Yes (number \_\_\_\_\_) [ ] No Where: Sacred Heart and Luther

Fatalities: [ ] Yes (number \_\_\_\_\_) [X] No

Evacuation: [X] Yes [ ] No Comments:

Relocation: [X] Yes [ ] No Note: Occupants of one apt relocated.

Mutual Aid: [ ] Given [ ] Received (units) [X] N/A

Business Name:

Occupant Information

Name: Armaya Stark
Address: 1025 W. Macarthur ave
Eau Claire WI 54701

Phone: 715-514-8132

Property Owner Information

Name: Fred Majeski
Address: Same

Phone:

Structure Type: Apartment Building Area of Origin: Living Room

Under Investigation: [X] Yes [ ] No By Whom: Eau Claire Fire

Probable Cause: Unknown

Damage Estimate: \$35,000 (structure & contents)

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**Narrative:**

At 23:02 the Eau Claire Fire and Rescue Department was dispatched to a structure fire in an apartment on Eau Claire's Southside. Eau Claire Fire arrived to find smoke coming from a first floor apartment which is part of a large apartment complex.

All occupants were out of the fire apartment when we arrived. Engine 5 was the first to arrive and the officer quickly assessed the situation and called for a second alarm. First in crew encountered smoke in the first floor hallway with heavy smoke and fire in the apartment. First in fire crew extinguished fire in the living room area. As the crew made their way through the apartment they searched for victims with the use of a thermal imaging camera. Additional crews assisted with the evacuation of all residents on first and second floor of the complex wing. This evacuation affected some 25 apartments on first and second floor.

Fire was contained to the apartment and didn't extend to other apartments. Smoke and CO did extend throughout the wing of the complex on both first and second floor.

After the initial fire attack, crews were kept busy ventilating with positive pressure fans, pulling ceiling, removing debris and continually checking for elevated levels of CO. All occupants did return to their apartments when it was safe, except for the apartment with the fire. Occupants of the fire apartment were assisted by Red Cross for shelter and food until other arrangements could be found.

One neighboring occupant was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital for smoke inhalation. And one firefighter was evaluated at Luther Hospital for difficulty breathing. Both were released from the hospital hours later.

Fire was placed under control at 11:30 thirty minutes after the 911 call. Additional fire ground activities continued for the next two hours.

Fire inspector will be on-scene in the morning interviewing and investigating the incident.

Damage to the apartment is estimated at \$35,000.

Dave Okas Battalion Chief

*Officer: Dave Okas  
Eau Claire Fire Department*

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