



Eau Claire Fire & Rescue
News Media Report

Date: 02/03/11 Dispatch Time: 1447 Incident Number: 11-0734

Location: 121 Water St. Eau Claire

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

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

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

Command Vehicle(s): 1 Number of Personnel Responding: 18

Injuries: Civilian(s) 0 Firefighter(s): 0

Transported by Ambulance: [] Yes (number _____) [X] No Where:

Fatalities: [] Yes (number _____) [X] No

Evacuation: [X] Yes [] No Comments:

Relocation: [] Yes [X] No Note:

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

Business Name: UWEC Fine Art Center

Occupant Information

Name:
Address:

Phone:

Property Owner Information

Name: UWEC
Address: 121 Water St
Eau Claire WI

Phone:

Structure Type: Education Area of Origin: Basement

Under Investigation: [X] Yes [] No By Whom: UWEC Police

Probable Cause: Welding

Damage Estimate: \$15,000.00 (structure & contents)

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Narrative:

At 14:47 the Eau Claire and Rescue was dispatched to a structure fire at UWEC Fine Arts Center at 121 Water St. Initial report was a basement fire with smoke visible and evacuation underway. Engine 2 arrived to find smoke showing at the rear of the building. They quickly assessed the situation and conditions warranted the crew to pull a fire line.

Engine 2 crew pulled a 1 ¾ inch line and advanced to the basement under the stage area. They quickly located the fire in a room underneath the stage. Stored stage curtains were on fire that were in large bins. Fire was extinguished rapidly and several bins of curtains were taken outside.

Several fire units remained on scene to assist with smoke removal and clean-up. Prior to faculty and students returning to the building crews check for CO. At that point Campus Police who had security of the building allowed students and faculty to return.

The building was turned over to UWEC administration representative and the fire will be investigated by UWEC Police.

Cause of the fire was by welding while building a stage set.

*Officer: Dave Okas Battalion Chief
Eau Claire Fire Department*