

Eau Claire Fire & Rescue
News Media Report



Date: 09/07/15 Dispatch Time: 18:09 Incident Number: 15 - 5787

Location: Confluence of the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers

Incident type: Fire Hazardous Materials Mass Casualty
 Auto Casualty Other Construction barge /river incident

Alarms: 1st Alarm 2nd Alarm 3rd Alarm Special Call

Engine(s) Responding: 3 Rescue/Medical vehicle(s): 2

Command Vehicle(s): 2 Number of Personnel Responding: 13

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

Transported by Ambulance: Yes (number _____) No Where: NA

Fatalities: Yes (number _____) No

Evacuation: Yes No Comments:

Relocation: Yes No Note:

Mutual Aid: Given Received (units) N/A

Business Name:

Occupant Information

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Property Owner Information

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Structure Type:

Area of Origin:

Under Investigation: Yes No By Whom:

Probable Cause: High water from recent rain storms

Damage Estimate: NA (structure & contents)

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Narrative:

The Eau Claire Fire department responded to a report of a construction barge that had broken loose from its mooring in the Eau Claire River. When units arrived on scene the construction barge with a crane on board was floating down the Eau Claire River heading toward the confluence of the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers.

The Grand Avenue Footbridge and the Lake Street Bridge were then closed to all Traffic.

As the barge approached the confluence it ran aground on a sand bar near Phoenix Park.

Two Fire department boats then assisted employees from Lunda Construction to access the barge, deploy a small tug boat, and secure a line to bring the barge along shore on the East side of the river.

Once the barge was secured to a temporary construction pier the traffic on both bridges was re-open.

The barge was secured around 2000 hours.

No injuries or major damage was reported.

*Officer: Battalion Chief Bryon Bensen
Eau Claire Fire Department*