

# EAU CLAIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS MEDIA INCIDENT REPORT

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**Date:** 03-24-2012      **Dispatch Time:** 15:13      **Incident Number:** 12-1967

**Incident Location:** 900 Forest Street behind City Shops in the Chippewa River

**Type of Incident:**  Fire    Hazardous Materials    Mass Casualty    Water Rescue

**Name of Occupant(s):** Unknown

**Address:**

**Owner:**

**Address:**

**Command Officer:** 1

**Civilian Injury(s):** unknown

**Responding Engine(s):** 4

**Firefighter Injury(s):** 0

**Rescue/Medical Vehicle(s):** 2

**Command Vehicles:** 2

**Number of Firefighters:** 17

**Area of Origin:** NA

**Probable Cause:**

**Under Investigation:**

**Estimated Fire Loss:**

**Evacuation:**  Yes    No

**Number of People:**

**Relocation:**  Yes    No

**Where:**

**Fatalities:**  Yes    No

**Transported by Ambulance:**  Yes    No   **Number:**      **Where:**

**Summary:** The ECFD responded to a report of a person in the water behind the City Shops. Upon arrival the area was investigated and the victim was not sighted in the water. A witness was interviewed and he indicated an area where he saw the person in the water. Three Fire Department personnel in Water rescue suits entered the water with an inflatable rescue craft. They entered upriver from the incident location due to the high flow of water and floated down river to the search area. The high flow of water from the spring runoff complicated the search procedures. Simultaneously two Fire Department boats were launched from down river. They initiated a search pattern up to the area of interest. The natural structure of the river prevented the boats from reaching the initial search area. The search was called off at 19:00 hrs. The victim was not located. The search will resume the next day sometime in the morning.

Battalion Chief Bensen

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