

Eau Claire Fire & Rescue  
News Media Report



**Date:** 11/11/11      **Dispatch Time:** 19:39      **Incident Number:** 11-6660

**Location:** Hwy 312 & McKinley Ave intersection.

**Incident type:**       Fire     Hazardous Materials     Mass Casualty  
                                  Auto Casualty     Other Plane crash

**Alarms:**  1<sup>st</sup> Alarm     2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm     3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm     Special Call

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

**Command Vehicle(s):** 1                      **Number of Personnel Responding:** 15

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

**Transported by Ambulance:**  Yes (number \_\_\_\_\_)     No    **Where:**

**Fatalities:**     Yes (number \_\_\_\_\_)                       No

**Evacuation:**     Yes                       No    **Comments:**

**Relocation:**     Yes                       No    **Note:**

**Mutual Aid:**     Given     Received (units)     N/A

**Business Name:**

**Occupant Information**

Name: Malcom D. Reid  
Address: 5265 Howard Point Rd.  
                                 Shorewood, MN 55331

Phone: 715-470-0152

**Property Owner Information**

Name:  
Address:

Phone:

**Structure Type:** NA                      **Area of Origin:** NA  
**Under Investigation:**  Yes     No    **By Whom:** FAA & ECPD

**Probable Cause:** Unknown

**Damage Estimate:** \$26,000                      (structure & contents)

**Narrative – See next page**

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### **Narrative:**

At 19:39 hours the Eau Claire Fire Department was dispatched to a plane crash at HWY 312 and McKinley Avenue. Upon arrival we found a Cessna 180 in the median of 312 just east of McKinley Ave. The pilot was out of the plane and reports no injuries.

Our investigation found moderate damage to the left wing that extended throughout the wing and into the fuselage. Damage was caused when the plane struck a traffic light at the intersection just after landing. Numerous checks were made of the pilot but he refused transport or medical evaluation.

The cause of the crash is unknown and the FAA will head-up the investigating. Initially the pilot reported that all the gauges went black and he had to make a forced landing. In landing on HWY 312 the pilot narrowly missed numerous power lines, light poles and bridges.

Crews were on the scene for several hours to assist in transporting the damaged plane to Chippewa Valley Regional Airport. The plane was loaded on a flatbed wrecker and escorted by State Patrol, ECPD and fire department personnel west on HWY 312 to N. Hastings then north to Melby street to the airport. All units cleared at 01:18 hours.

*Officer:* Battalion Chief Kim Nessel  
*Eau Claire Fire Department*