



Eau Claire Fire & Rescue

News Media Report

Date: 07/31/11 **Dispatch Time:** 00:06 **Incident Number:** 11-4506

Location: 1104 Birch Street

Incident type: Fire Hazardous Materials Mass Casualty
 Auto Casualty Other _____

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

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

Command Vehicle(s): 2 **Number of Personnel Responding:** 17

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:** Red Cross is assisting residents.

Mutual Aid: Given Received (units) N/A

Business Name: na

Occupant Information

Name: 6 occupants

Address:

Phone:

Property Owner Information

Name: Carmon Chu

Address:

California

Phone:

Structure Type: 2 Story wood frame - triplex **Area of Origin:** Exterior - vehicle fire

Under Investigation: Yes No **By Whom:** ECFD

Probable Cause: Vehicle electrical short

Damage Estimate: \$30,700 *(structure & contents)*

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Narrative:

At 00:06 hours the Eau Claire Fire Department was dispatched to a vehicle fire at 1104 Birch Street. Further dispatch information indicated the vehicle was next to the house and may be extending to the structure. Engine 10 arrived and reported a fully involved vehicle fire and confirmed extension to the structure.

A second alarm was sounded and additional suppression lines were pulled from E10 and advanced into the structure while crews also battled the vehicle fire. The home is a two story wood framed structure divided into three apartment units.

One family was alerted to the fire by their pet dog. The dog started barking and continued to do so until the occupants spotted smoke coming into the 1st floor apartment through the air conditioner's vents. They exited the building unharmed. Occupants in the other two units also were out on our arrival.

It took some time to extinguish the fire in the structures walls and the fire was placed under control at 01:35 hours. Crews remained on scene until 02:11 hours.

There were no injuries and the occupants were unable to re-occupy the structure. The American Red Cross is assisting them and will place them overnite in a local hotel.

The fire is believed to have originated in a 1996 GMC Yukon and possibly due to an electrical short. The vehicle was located in the driveway which placed the vehicle within 5 feet from the east side of the home.

Damage is estimated at \$30,700. The vehicle was a total loss and valued at \$3,700.00. The vehicle loss is included in the total damage estimate. The fire is currently under investigation by the Eau Claire Fire Department.

Officer: Battalion Chief Kim Nessel #43
Eau Claire Fire Department