

Eau Claire Fire & Rescue  
News Media Report



**Date:**                      **Dispatch Time:**                      **Incident Number:** -

**Location:**

**Incident type:**     Fire     Hazardous Materials     Mass Casualty  
Auto Casualty    Other \_\_\_

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

**Engine(s) Responding:** 3                      **Rescue/Medical vehicle(s):** 1

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

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

**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:  
Address:

Phone:

**Property Owner Information Name:**  
Address:

Phone:

**Structure Type:**                      **Area of Origin:**

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

**Probable Cause:**



**Damage Estimate:**

*(structure & contents)*

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**Narrative:** On July 5<sup>th</sup>, the Eau Claire Fire Department responded to 2 separate water rescues incidents near the Dewey Street Bridge on the Eau Claire River. The first incident was dispatched at 1535 hrs to 1 S. Dewey St with a report of a male in the water. First arriving units found a male victim holding onto a tree branch that was lodged underneath the Dewey St bridge. Crews were able to lower a rope from the bridge to the victim and pull him so safety. The victim was assessed by paramedics on scene.

The second water rescue was dispatched to 1 S. Dewey St at 1642 hrs for 4 female tubers that had lost their tube and had become stranded on a tree in the water. First arriving crews found 3 females hanging onto a tree branch in the middle of the Eau Claire River. Eau Claire Police Department officers were able to rescue 1 female by using a rope rescue bag. Fire Department crews were able to use rope lines to reach the 2 other females but they had become to tired to hold the ropes. Firefighters used water rescue suits to swim to the victims to make the rescue. All victims were assessed by fire department paramedics on scene.

Just a reminder to the public that water levels are high with strong current and personal flotation devices are recommended when on the water.

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