



# Eau Claire Fire Department

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## MEDIA RELEASE

<b>DATE:</b> 6/2/2021	<b>CONTACT:</b> Battalion Chief Vargo
<b>DISPATCH TIME:</b> 10:59	<b>PHONE #:</b> 715-839-5013
<b>INCIDENT NO.:</b> 21-3744	<b># PAGES:</b> 2

**LOCATION:** 1025 W. Macarthur Ave

**INCIDENT TYPE:**  Fire  Water/Ice  Hazardous Materials  Mass Casualty  Other

**ALARMS:**  1<sup>st</sup> Alarm  2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm  Special Call  MABAS

**ENGINE/TRUCK(S) RESPONDING:** 4

**RESCUE/MEDICAL VEHICLE(S) RESPONDING:** 2

**COMMAND VEHICLE:** 2

**PERSONNEL RESPONDING:** 18

**INJURIES:** Civilian: 0

Firefighter: 0

**TRANSPORTED BY AMBULANCE:**  Yes (#: )  No **WHERE TRANSPORTED:** N/A

**FATALITIES:**  Yes (#: )  No

**EVACUATION:**  Yes  No **Comments:** Tenants were allowed to return, with the exception of the fire apt.

**RELOCATION:**  Yes  No **Comments:** One first floor apartment

**MUTUAL AID:**  Given  Received  NA

**BUSINESS NAME:**

**Occupant:**

Name:

Address:

Phone:



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**Property Owner:**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

**STRUCTURE TYPE:** Multi-unit apartment building

**AREA OF ORIGIN:** Kitchen of a first floor apt.

**UNDER INVESTIGATION:**  Yes  No **BY WHOM:** ECFD

**PROBABLE CAUSE:** Unknown

**DAMAGE ESTIMATE:** \$ Unknown  
(structure and contents)

**NARRATIVE:**

The Eau Claire Fire Department (ECFD) responded for a sounding fire alarm. On arrival of the first fire crew, one wing of the apartment complex was filled with smoke and the incident was upgraded to a structure fire.

Crews located and quickly extinguished a fire within a first floor apartment of the complex. As the fire was being extinguished, additional fire crews searched the immediate fire area, vented the smoke, and assisted with the evacuation of numerous tenants.

With the quick response and actions of the firefighters, the fire was contained to one apartment and the remainder of the structure was spared.

No occupant or firefighter injuries were reported, however one cat perished within the apartment.

The fire remains under investigation at the time of report.

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