



# Eau Claire Fire Department

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## MEDIA RELEASE

<b>DATE:</b> 8/29/21	<b>CONTACT:</b> BC Vargo
<b>DISPATCH TIME:</b> 15:27	<b>PHONE #:</b> 715-839-5013
<b>INCIDENT NO.:</b> 21-6307	<b># PAGES:</b> 2

**LOCATION:**

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

**COMMAND VEHICLE:** 2                      **PERSONNEL RESPONDING:** 13

**INJURIES:** Civilian: 1                      Firefighter: 0

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

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

**EVACUATION:**  Yes  No    Comments:

**RELOCATION:**  Yes  No    Comments:

**MUTUAL AID:**  Given  Received                       NA

**BUSINESS NAME:**

**Occupant:**

Name:

Address:

Phone:



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**Property Owner:**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

**STRUCTURE TYPE:**

**AREA OF ORIGIN:**

**UNDER INVESTIGATION:**  Yes  No

**BY WHOM:**

**PROBABLE CAUSE:**

**DAMAGE ESTIMATE: \$**

(structure and contents)

**NARRATIVE:**

The Eau Claire Fire Department (ECFD) responded for a report of an overturned kayak with someone possibly in the water. First arriving fire crews and several Eau Claire Police Department (ECPD) personnel discovered one victim in distress in the Eau Claire river, East of the Dewey St. bridge, near the South bank of the river. Due to a steep embankment, additional fire department personnel assisted in rigging a rope system for victim removal.

The victim was transported to an area hospital with non life threatening injuries.

River conditions are unpredictable and vary considerably from one section to another. Numerous hazards exist throughout the Eau Claire and Chippewa rivers.

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