



Eau Claire Fire Department

Christian Bell, Fire Chief
216 S. Dewey Street
Eau Claire, WI 54701

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: 5/22/22	CONTACT: BC Vargo
DISPATCH TIME: 00:58 hrs	PHONE #: 715.839.5013
INCIDENT NO.: 22-3854	# PAGES: 2

LOCATION: 2235 N. Clairemont Av

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

ALARMS: 1st Alarm 2nd 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:** Neighboring motel

RELOCATION: Yes No **Comments:**

MUTUAL AID: Given Received NA

BUSINESS NAME: Butchers Block BBQ

Occupant:

Name:

Address:

Phone:



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Property Owner:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

STRUCTURE TYPE: Single story restaurant

AREA OF ORIGIN: Kitchen

UNDER INVESTIGATION: Yes No

BY WHOM: ECFD

PROBABLE CAUSE: Under investigation

DAMAGE ESTIMATE: \$ Under investigation
(structure and contents)

NARRATIVE:

Eau Claire Fire Department crews responded to Butchers Block BBQ restaurant for a reported structure fire overnight. Engine 9 was the first fire unit on scene and reported heavy smoke showing from the venting system and near the kitchen area of the building. As additional crews arrived, forcible entry was performed and fire was found in the kitchen with smoke throughout the building. Crews worked quickly to extinguish and contain the fire, preventing the fire from extending to the remainder of the building. The structure was searched and ventilated while fire crews continued to assure that fire had not extended beyond the kitchen area.

A neighboring motel was temporarily evacuated with the help of the Eau Claire Police Department, as a precaution, due to it's close proximity to the restaurant. The occupants of the motel were able to return a short time later.

Fire Department crews and a Fire Investigator remain on scene at the time of this report and no injuries have been reported.

Responding ECFD units included; Engine 9, Truck 5, Engine 2, Engine 10, Medic 9, Medic 5, Chief 2, Investigator 1, and Battalion 1.

In addition to ECFD and ECPD units, Xcel energy responded to assure the electric and gas service was shut down so crews could safely operate within the stucture. The Eau Claire Communication Center (911) provided the dispatch, additional information and notifications for this and all other incidents within the County.

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