



# Eau Claire Fire Department

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## MEDIA RELEASE

<b>DATE:</b> 9/6/2022	<b>CONTACT:</b> BC Steve Vargo
<b>DISPATCH TIME:</b> 1138 hrs.	<b>PHONE #:</b> 715-839-5013
<b>INCIDENT NO.:</b> 22-7019	<b># PAGES:</b> 2

**LOCATION:** 1018 Birch St.

**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:** 3

**COMMAND VEHICLE:** 2                      **PERSONNEL RESPONDING:** 19

**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: 2 adult tenants assisted by the Red Cross

**MUTUAL AID:**  Given  Received                       NA

**BUSINESS NAME:**

**Occupant:**

Name:

Address:

Phone:



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**Property Owner:**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

**STRUCTURE TYPE:** 2 story duplex, wood frame

**AREA OF ORIGIN:** 1st floor bedroom

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

**PROBABLE CAUSE:** Under investigation

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

**NARRATIVE:**

The Eau Claire Fire Department responded to a structure fire today in the 1000 block of Birch St.

Engine 2, the first arriving fire company, found fire showing from a first floor window and heavy smoke throughout the residence. Upon entering the front of the residence, the crew advanced under zero visibility conditions and extinguished fire in several rooms on the 1st floor. A search for victims was conducted on all levels of the structure. All occupants were found to be out of the structure and accounted for.

As the fire attack continued on the 1st floor, additional crews advanced a hoseline to the 2nd floor, conducted ventilation, and checked the structure for fire extension.

One occupant sustained minor injuries and was treated by ECFD paramedics on the scene. No other injuries were reported.

Two occupants were displaced and the Red Cross was contacted to assist.

Assistance was provided during this incident by the following:

The Eau Claire Police Department, water department, xcel energy, the Red Cross, and the Eau Claire 911 center.

The incident remains under investigation by ECFD.

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