



# Eau Claire Fire Department

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## MEDIA RELEASE

<b>DATE:</b> December 16, 2022	<b>CONTACT:</b> Battalion Chief Brian Toonen
<b>DISPATCH TIME:</b> 22:13	<b>PHONE #:</b> 715-839-5013
<b>INCIDENT NO.:</b> 22-10082	<b># PAGES:</b> 2

**LOCATION:** 1020 Zephyr Hill Avenue

**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:** 1

**COMMAND VEHICLE:** 2

**PERSONNEL RESPONDING:** 17

**INJURIES:** Civilian: 0

Firefighter: 0

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

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

**EVACUATION:**  Yes  No **Comments:** Occupants self-evacuated

**RELOCATION:**  Yes  No **Comments:**

**MUTUAL AID:**  Given  Received  NA

**BUSINESS NAME:** N/A

**Occupant:**

Name:

Address:

Phone:



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**Property Owner:**

Name: Zephyr Hill Townhouses LLC

Address:  
PO Box 1012

Eau Claire, WI 54702

Phone:

**STRUCTURE TYPE:** Residential Duplex

**AREA OF ORIGIN:** Garage

**UNDER INVESTIGATION:**  Yes  No

**BY WHOM:** Eau Claire Fire Department

**PROBABLE CAUSE:** Under Investigation

**DAMAGE ESTIMATE:** \$ 100000

(structure and contents)

**NARRATIVE:**

On Friday, December 16, at 22:13, the Eau Claire Fire Department was dispatched for a structure fire, at 1020 Zephyr Hill Avenue, a residential duplex. Two engines, one ladder truck, one medic unit, Battalion Chief, and Duty Chief responded. Upon arrival, crews observed a significant amount of smoke and fire coming from the garage of the structure. Crews swiftly located all occupants and launched an offensive fire attack. The fire was quickly contained to one side of the duplex and extinguished. Aggressive overhaul and salvage operations were completed. The exact cause and origin is currently under investigation.

The Eau Claire Fire Department was assisted by the following agencies: Eau Claire Police Department, Eau Claire 911 communication center, Xcel Energy.

Allyn Bertrang  
Deputy Chief  
Prevention-CRR

Matt Jaggar  
Deputy Chief  
Suppression Operations

Jon Schultz  
Deputy Chief  
EMS Operations