



Eau Claire Fire Department

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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: 2/25/23	CONTACT: BC Vargo
DISPATCH TIME: 01:38	PHONE #: 715-839-5013
INCIDENT NO.: 23-1624	# PAGES: 2

LOCATION: 604 5th Av. Eau Claire

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: 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:** Tenants were allowed to return following extinguishment.

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: Garage and shed

AREA OF ORIGIN: Garage

UNDER INVESTIGATION: Yes No

BY WHOM: ECFD

PROBABLE CAUSE: Under investigation

DAMAGE ESTIMATE: \$ Unknown pending investigation
(structure and contents)

NARRATIVE:

The Eau Claire Fire Department responded to a structure fire overnight in the 600 Block of 5th Avenue. Three engine companies, one truck company, one medic company, and two Chief officers responded.

Engine 2 arrived within minutes of the initial call to find a detached garage fully involved in fire with residential structures on both sides in close proximity. Both structures (a rooming house on one side and an apartment building on the other side) were immediately protected against fire exposure while the garage fire was contained.

Both residential structures, which were occupied at the time, were evacuated, with assistance from the Eau Claire Police Department, while firefighters worked to extinguish the fire and assure no fire extended into the residences.

Because of the quick fire attack, only minor damage occurred to the exterior of the exposed residences.

After the fire was brought under control, occupants were able to return.

No injuries were reported with firefighters and fire investigators remaining on scene at the time of this report.

Assistance was provided by the Eau Claire Communications Center, ECPD, and Xcel energy.

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