

## FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT Lyle N. Koerner, Jr., Chief

Emergency Calls	911
Administration	715/839-5012
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## **NEWS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

DATE:

February 26, 2014

TO:

All News Media

FROM:

Prevention / Inspections Division

**SUBJECT:** SNOW CLEARING TO ALLOW RESPONDER ACCESS

With the recent heavy snow fall, Eau Claire Fire and Rescue is asking residents to please clear off their decks, safety egress platforms, and sidewalks. These egress areas are critical in an emergency to allow for escape from the home and also for emergency crews to gain access to help occupants. These heavy snow loads also are causing concern of structural collapse. Please do your part to make your home safe.

If you have any questions about fire safety, please call the department's Fire Prevention Division at 839-4825.