



Eau Claire Fire & Rescue
News Media Report

Date: 05/19/14 Dispatch Time: 07:55 Incident Number: 14 - 2942

Location: 900 North Hastings Way

Incident type: [x] Fire [] Hazardous Materials [] Mass Casualty
[] Auto Casualty [] Other _____

Alarms: [] 1st Alarm [x] 2nd Alarm [] 3rd Alarm [] Special Call

Engine(s) Responding: 3 Rescue/Medical vehicle(s): 0

Command Vehicle(s): 2 Number of Personnel Responding: 11

Injuries: Civilian(s) 0 Firefighter(s): 0

Transported by Ambulance: [] Yes (number _____) [] No Where: NA

Fatalities: [] Yes (number _____) [x] No

Evacuation: [] Yes [x] No Comments:

Relocation: [] Yes [x] No Note:

Mutual Aid: [] Given [] Received (units) [x] N/A

Business Name: Strain Tours

Occupant Information

Name:
Address:

Phone:

Property Owner Information

Name: Bold Lines Inc.
Address: 1107 Chester Ave. S.E.
Rochester MN.
Phone:

Structure Type: Tour Bus Area of Origin: Rear wheel area

Under Investigation: [] Yes [x] No By Whom:

Probable Cause: Rear Wheel problem

Damage Estimate: \$ 50,000 (structure & contents)

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Narrative:

Eau Claire Department was dispatched to a tour bus on fire in the 900 block of North Hastings Way. Dispatchers reported the bus was being evacuated at the time of the call.

When firefighters arrived they found a tour bus in the southbound lane of Hastings Way along the shoulder of the roadway. Heavy black smoke was coming from the back wheel area of the bus. The tires of the bus were also burning at this time. All the passengers of the bus were standing along the bicycle trail on the west side of Hastings Way.

The bus was a charter bus for a school trip from North High to Minneapolis with students and staff on board. A total of 37 people were on the bus at the time of the fire, all getting off without any injuries.

The bus driver reported he had a problem with one of the back tires and was on his way to change out buses when the fire started.

A second Tour Bus arrived on scene and the students and staff continued on their way to Minneapolis.

All Hastings Way south bound traffic was diverted at Seymour Road until the tour bus was removed from the roadway.

Eau Claire Fire
Battalion Chief
Tim Deziel

*Officer:
Eau Claire Fire Department*