



# Eau Claire Fire Department

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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| <b>DATE:</b> 10.23.25          | <b>CONTACT:</b> Captain Nick Ledin |
| <b>DISPATCH TIME:</b> 09:39:56 | <b>PHONE #:</b> 715.839.5013       |
| <b>INCIDENT NO.:</b> 25-09472  | <b># PAGES:</b> 2                  |

**LOCATION:** 1702 Park Ave.

**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:** 16

**INJURIES:** Civilian: 0 Firefighter: 0

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

**FATALITIES:** ☐ Yes (#: ) ☒ No

**EVACUATION:** ☒ Yes ☐ No **Comments:**

**RELOCATION:** ☐ Yes ☒ No **Comments:**

**MUTUAL AID:** ☐ Given ☐ Received ☒ NA

**BUSINESS NAME:** UWEC

**Occupant:**

Name: Schneider Hall

Address:

Phone:



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## Property Owner:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

**STRUCTURE TYPE:** Lecture Hall

**AREA OF ORIGIN:** Mechanical Room

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

## PROBABLE CAUSE:

**DAMAGE ESTIMATE:** \$

(structure and contents)

## NARRATIVE:

On Thursday, October 23, at approximately 09:40 hours, the Eau Claire Fire Department responded to 1702 Park Ave. for the activation of a fire alarm. Upon making entrance to the building, crews observed smoke throughout the occupied building and therefore upgraded the alarm to a structure fire response. UWEC maintenance personnel shut down the power to Schneider Hall, as well as the Flesch Family Welcome Center. UWEC PD rescued two people from stuck elevators, one in Schneider Hall and one in the Flesch Family Welcome Center. ECFD crews quickly located and extinguished the fire in an electrical transformer room. Personnel from ECFD, UWEC PD, and the Eau Claire Police Department assisted in evacuating the structure. ECFD crews searched all floors of the building and ventilated multiple floors. Fire crews remained on-scene to ventilate and monitor the air inside the structure. The incident remains under investigation.

ECFD was assisted by the Eau Claire Communications Center, Eau Claire Police Department, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Police Department, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire maintenance staff, and Xcel Energy.

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