



Explosions at Boston Marathon

Information Cutoff: 4:00 p.m. on April 15, 2013

Key Points

- Two explosive devices were detonated near the finish line of the Boston Marathon at about 2:45 p.m.
- Boston Police Department is reporting at least 2 people were killed, and 22 people wounded.
- The NYPD is stepping up security measures in New York City.
- More details will be provided when made available.



Background

As of 4:00 p.m. the latest information available from media outlets indicates that around 2:45 p.m. on April 15, 2013, two nearly simultaneous explosions occurred on Boylston Street near the finish line of the Boston Marathon in Copley Square. Video shows that the explosions occurred within seconds of each other about one hour after runners began crossing the finish line. There are various reports as to the number of killed and wounded, but the Boston Police Department is reporting 2 people are dead and 22 wounded. There is so far no information available concerning the explosive device. Boston Police are responding to and investigating reports of other suspicious packages. Over 27,000 runners were expected to participate in today's marathon. Today, April 15, is Patriots' Day in Massachusetts, a state holiday, and many schools and businesses are closed.

In response to the incidents in Boston, the NYPD is sending critical response vehicles to prominent locations around the City. NYPD is also increasing security at iconic locations, hotels, critical infrastructure, and subways.

Sources

- "Dead As Explosions Rock Boston Marathon Finish Line; Multiple Injuries Reported," *International Business Times*, April 15, 2013.
- "Officials: 2 bombs explode near finish line of Boston Marathon," *Fox25*, April 15, 2013.
- "Many Hurt in Blasts at Boston Marathon," *New York Times*, April 15, 2013.

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