

THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS

Coverage from April 15 through April 20, 2013

Beginning with the words “God help us,” tweeted from the Boston Marathon finish line by Boston.com producer Steve Silva within minutes of the April 15 explosions, the Globe maintained a liveblog over five days, culminating with the capture of the second bomber on the evening of April 19.

The blog contained posts from Globe reporters, photographers, and online producers, as well as selected tweets from law enforcement, other media outlets, and members of the community documenting the unfolding story. When Boston.com and BostonGlobe.com crashed from the initial surge of traffic, the Globe redirected viewers to the liveblog for about an hour.

That week, the liveblog became the most comprehensive and up-to-date source of information on the bombings, garnering 6.6 million pageviews and 3.2 million visits over the course of the week.

Here are some excerpts; the entire liveblog can be seen by clicking the link below.


<http://b.globe.com/liveblog>



Steve Silva
 @stevesilva

God help us <http://fb.me/18nZFvLIW>

April 15, 2013 at 2:58 PM



Matt Pepin, Sports Editor

April 15, 2013 at 3:33 PM

Boston.com sports producer Steve Silva was near the finish line when the explosions occurred near the intersection of Boylston and Exeter streets.

"I was there at the finish, shooting finish line scenes, and then bang, it just went off, and then less than 15 to 20 seconds after there was a second explosion, closer to Fairfield street," Silva said.

"It was just immediately [evident] there were injuries, right in the middle of the spectator crowds. There was blood everywhere, there were victims being carried out on stretchers. I saw someone lose their leg, people are crying, people are confused."

"It was just an explosion, it came out of nowhere. There are multiple injuries. I saw dismemberment, I saw blood everywhere. People are badly injured."

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@mlevenson



RT @BGlobeSports : Photo from our John Tlumacki of explosion on
#BoylstonSt #BostonMarathon
<http://pbs.twimg.com/media/BH6um1xCYAMZNQh.jpg>



April 15, 2013 at 4:00 PM



Billy Baker

@billy_baker



Runners are walking down Comm Ave, parallel to what should be their finish line, all looking shocked and bewildered.

April 15, 2013 at 4:13 PM

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Outside MGH: Head of emergency medicine says 19 have been brought to MGH, six critically injured, some with amputations.

— Cynthia Needham (@globecynthia) **April 15, 2013**

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Zuri Berry, Boston.com

April 15, 2013 at 4:20 PM




Photo by David L. Ryan, Globe Staff



Andrew Tran, Boston.com

April 15, 2013 at 4:35 PM




Our updated locator map of the three explosions. (Chiqui Esteban/Globe Staff)



Teresa Hanafin, Boston Globe

April 15, 2013 at 5:13 PM

Police are asking everyone in Boston to stay home; if you do go out, do not travel in large groups.



Billy Baker

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Massive police and military presence in city now. Boston Common full of uniforms. Scene is calmer, but ambulances continue to race by.

April 15, 2013 at 5:29 PM

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Phone numbers related to #marathon explosion-- Those seeking family members: 617-635-4500 Those with possible tips for BPD: 800-494-TIPS

— Sarah Rodman (@GlobeRodman) April 15, 2013



Adrienne Lavidor-Berman

April 15, 2013 at 5:39 PM

Some of 64 injured in Boston #Marathon blasts have had limbs amputated, hospitals report.

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Just signed up to offer a place to stay for a displaced runner. If you have the space, sign up here.

#BostonMarathon
docs.google.com/forms/d/1dqIKV...

— Karyn Polewaczyk (@KarynPolewaczyk) April 15, 2013




Boston.com

April 16, 2013 at 8:42 AM


Eight-year-old Martin Richard was one of three deaths on Monday, and his mother and sister were among the more than 130 wounded.



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Andrew Ryan
@GlobeAndrewRyan



Comish Davis; 176 total casualties, 17 critical, 3 dead

April 16, 2013 at 10:06 AM




Adrienne Lavidor-Berman

April 16, 2013 at 2:49 PM

BREAKING NEWS: A second victim has been identified in Boston Marathon bombings: Krystle Campbell, 29, of Arlington. According to her grandmother, Lillian Campbell of Somerville, Krystle had just moved to the town a short time ago. She had been living with her grandmother to help her through an illness for the past couple of years.


Krystle recently left a job as a manager at the Summer Shack for a job at Jimmy's Steer House on Mass. Ave. in Arlington. She went to watch the Marathon every year and was there with a friend this year. The friend is hospitalized with serious injuries.



Teresa Hanafin, Boston Globe

April 16, 2013 at 3:11 PM

Investigators have found a circuit board believed to have been used to trigger the Marathon bombs, a source told the Globe's Shelley Murphy.



Andrew Tran, Boston.com

April 16, 2013 at 3:57 PM

Investigators have appealed to marathon spectators for amateur video and photos that might yield clues to lead to the person or persons responsible for the bombings. Even images that people might not think are significant could lead to developments.



ItsMeRyce
@_j0hnlee_



RT @Yankees: #Yankees fans show their support for Boston.
#BostonStrong <http://pbs.twimg.com/media/BIA7ynsCQAAz7bf.jpg>



April 16, 2013 at 9:03 PM

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Catherine Cloutier, Your...

April 17, 2013 at 9:47 AM

A state-run Chinese newspaper late Tuesday formally identified the third victim in Monday's Boston Marathon bombings as Lingzi Lu, a Boston University graduate student who was from China's northeastern city of Shenyang.



Adrienne Lavidor-Berman

April 17, 2013 at 1:42 PM

BREAKING NEWS: Boston Globe Source: Authorities have an image of a suspect carrying, and perhaps dropping, a black bag at the second bombing scene. www.boston.com



Boston.com

April 18, 2013 at 5:40 PM



A view of both suspects in the Marathon bombings. Suspect No. 1 is in front; suspect 2 walks behind him down Boylston Street.



Milton Valencia

@MiltonValencia



RT @GlobeJenPeter : WCVB: MIT police chief says that one of his officers is down. Apparently a shooting on campus.

April 18, 2013 at 11:20 PM



Andrew Ryan

@GlobeAndrewRyan



RT @GlobeMoskowitz : 30+ cruisers - state, transit, Cambridge, and K9 - visible outside Stata, helicopters overhead. MIT shooting report ...

April 18, 2013 at 11:35 PM



Brian Ballou

@GlobeBallou



RT @WesleyLowery : Horrifying silence right now. Cops have largely left this area and run further toward alleged explosions/shootout

April 19, 2013 at 1:22 AM

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There is an active incident ongoing in Watertown. Residents in that area are advised to remain in their homes. More details when available.

April 19, 2013 at 2:16 AM



Milton Valencia

@MiltonValencia



Bombing suspect in custody, another remains on the loose
<http://b.globe.com/17K9a7D> via @BostonGlobe

April 19, 2013 at 2:26 AM



Wesley Lowery

@WesleyLowery



Police on the scene have stressed from the very beginning that they fear suspect has access to phone-triggered IEDs

April 19, 2013 at 2:50 AM



Boston Police Dept.

@Boston_Police



#CommunityAlert: Residents of Watertown asked to stay indoors. Do not answer door unless instructed by a police officer.

April 19, 2013 at 3:43 AM



Swati G. Sharma, Things To...

April 19, 2013 at 3:45 AM

From our Globe Team:

www.boston.com

By Wesley Lowery, Akilah Johnson, Eric Moskowitz and Lisa Wangsness, Globe Staff

WATERTOWN — One suspect in Monday's Boston Marathon bombings has been apprehended, according to an official with knowledge of the investigation. Another appears to remain on the loose in Watertown after a firefight with police. A 20-block perimeter was established as authorities searched for him.

A scene of chaos descended on Cambridge and Watertown late Thursday night and early Friday morning, as police confirmed an MIT police officer was shot and killed, and an apparent carjacking led police on a frenetic chase into Watertown. Hundreds of police officer flooded Cambridge and Watertown.

A spokesman for the MBTA said that a transit officer had been shot and was in serious condition.

Witnesses in Watertown said they heard explosions. Police officers were screaming about improvised explosive devices.

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WANTED: Police Searching for Suspect (Picture Provided)
<http://pbs.twimg.com/media/BIMy1gtCUAAK7f4.jpg>



April 19, 2013 at 4:10 AM



Jaclyn Reiss

@JaclynReiss

Middlesex DA: suspects let carjacking victim off unharmed at a gas station on Memorial Dr in Cambridge after keeping vic in car for 30 mins

April 19, 2013 at 4:37 AM




Garrett Quinn

@GarrettQuinn

Manhunt underway for Suspect #2 Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, a Chechen resident of Cambridge

April 19, 2013 at 7:15 AM



Teresa Hanafin, Boston Globe

Gov. Patrick: We have suspended all service on MBTA and that will continue until we feel it is safe. All people in Boston and surrounding communities should stay home.

April 19, 2013 at 8:01 AM

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Teresa Hanafin, Boston Globe

April 19, 2013 at 8:50 AM



A Watertown resident sent in this photo of swat team members moving through her backyard on Oliver Road in Watertown about an hour ago.



Billy Baker
@billy_baker



Incredible photo of swat teams, taken by the Globe's Aram Boghosian.
http://pbs.twimg.com/media/BIN8_AiCEAAkmRQ.jpg



April 19, 2013 at 9:38 AM




Teresa Hanafin, Boston Globe

April 19, 2013 at 6:08 PM

Gov: Stay-at-home request lifted, T running again, but be vigilant. There still is a very very dangerous individual at large.


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Jen Peter
@GlobeJenPeter

And we're off again. Manhunt resumes in Watertown. Reports of gunfire.

April 19, 2013 at 7:03 PM







Teresa Hanafin, Boston Globe

Shots have been fired on Franklin Street in Watertown and a source told the Globe police believed they had located the desperate 19-year-old suspect in the deadly Boston Marathon terror bombings. www.boston.com

April 19, 2013 at 7:24 PM




Teresa Hanafin, Boston Globe



A Bing Maps street view of the Franklin Street house with a boat in the backyard where police have reportedly pinned down bombing suspect Dzhokar A. Tsarnaev. (Photo created by Andrew Ba Tran, Boston.com Staff)


April 19, 2013 at 8:39 PM




Boston Police Dept.
@Boston_Police

Suspect in custody. Officers sweeping the area. Stand by for further info.

April 19, 2013 at 8:45 PM





Jen Peter
@GlobeJenPeter

After an absolutely frenzied 22 hours, the manhunt for the two marathon bombers has come to a close.

April 19, 2013 at 8:49 PM

