

PLAY IT SAFE!

**The City of Boston and the
Boston Police Department
Encourages Revelers to
Celebrate Responsibly**



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A MESSAGE OF SAFETY

It is exciting news that the New England Patriots are playing in the Super Bowl.

The City of Boston in conjunction with the Boston Police Department (BPD) would like to take this important opportunity to remind sports fans to celebrate safely and responsibly throughout Boston.

The BPD plans extensively to develop and execute a comprehensive strategy to ensure a safe and peaceful environment. Police efforts will focus primarily in the areas surrounding **Kenmore Square** and **North Station**. Close collaboration among numerous city agencies and law enforcement organizations occurs to provide fans with the utmost professional, respectful and effective public safety services.

We applaud the many fans who always act responsibly and respect fellow fans. We are all cheering for the Pats and hoping for a win! However, our primary focus is that all sports fans enjoy the game and that the City is peaceful and without incident.

Sincerely,

Mayor Thomas M. Menino
Police Commissioner Edward Davis



KNOW THE LAWS

Unlawful Assembly

- In the event that 5 or more armed people or 10 or more people are unlawfully, riotously or tumultuously assembled, the police can demand that they immediately and peaceably disperse.
- Any person who unlawfully assembles and does not disperse after being ordered is subject to arrest and imprisonment of up to 1 year or a fine between \$100 and \$500.

Disorderly Conduct

- Disorderly conduct is defines as a person, who with the purpose to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof:
- Engages in fighting or threatening, or in a violent or tumultuous behavior; or
- Creates a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose of the actor.
- Any person engaging in disorderly conduct is subject to arrest and a penalty of up to 6 months in the house of corrections or a fine of up to \$200.

Disturbing the Peace

- Prohibits any person from committing intentional actions or conduct, in or near a public place that most people would find to be unreasonably disruptive and, in fact infringe the right of at least one person to be undisturbed.
- Any person found disturbing the peace is subject to arrest and a penalty of up to 6 months in the house of corrections or a fine of up to \$200.

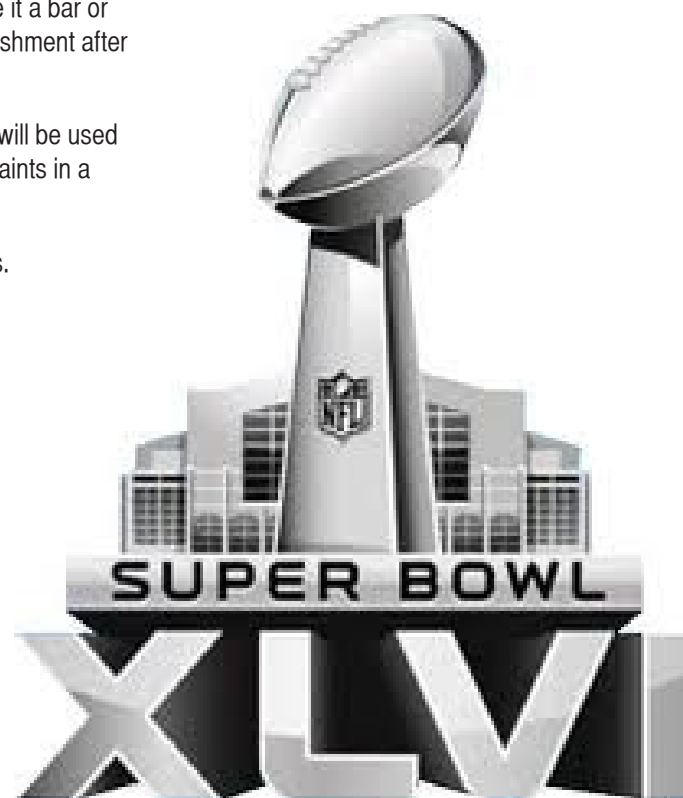


WHAT THE BPD EXPECTS FROM THE FANS

- Enjoy the game and win or lose, be a GOOD SPORT.
- Don't engage in negative behavior such as fighting, throwing beverages or destroying property.
- Respect police instructions and, if asked to leave an area, please do so peacefully.
- You may be restricted from certain areas after the game. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience that may cause you, but please be aware it is for your own safety. When safety concerns are alleviated, you will be permitted entrance.
- Public drinking will not be tolerated.
- Taxis and public transportation offer inexpensive and smart alternatives to drinking and driving. Please take advantage of them. A designated driver is also an alternative.

WHAT THE FANS SHOULD EXPECT FROM THE BOSTON POLICE

- BPD will significantly increase patrols in and around **Kenmore Square** and **North Station**.
- Access to the Fenway and TD Garden area will be restricted at half-time. If you are not already inside an establishment, be it a bar or restaurant, you will not be able to gain access to the area. If you are inside an establishment and choose to exit the establishment after half-time, you will be directed to leave the area.
- Police will employ extensive use of video-cameras in areas surrounding **Kenmore Square** and **North Station**. The video will be used to capture the images of individuals who are engaging in disorder. Those images will then be used to lodge criminal complaints in a follow-up investigation conducted by Boston Police detectives.
- BPD Unified Command Center will also be monitoring surveillance cameras throughout the evening at police headquarters.
- BPD maintains open lines of communication with all local colleges and universities. Any student arrested will not only face criminal charges, but will also be subject to penalties imposed by their academic institution.
- BPD will strictly enforce compliance to all alcohol laws. Officers will be conducting walk-throughs of bars and city streets especially in areas highly populated with college students. In addition, officers are working cooperatively with liquor establishments to be sure alcohol laws are strictly enforced.
- DUI enforcement will be a priority and we will have officers on duty focused specifically on this effort. Do not ruin your celebration by hurting yourself or others.
- Please celebrate the Pats with the pride and class that our team and our City deserve.



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