

April 8, 2019

Boston Area College and University Students

Re: Marathon Monday 2019 Safety Message

Dear Students:

On Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Boston will host the 123<sup>rd</sup> running of the Boston Marathon. In conjunction with partners, both public and private, the Boston Police Department has developed a safety and security plan for the events to ensure both athletes and spectators who participate feel safe. Marathon related activities are hosted all weekend long and the Boston Police Department has planned security measures for each.

Spectators planning on watching the Boston Marathon from anywhere along the 26.2 mile course should expect a significant presence of uniformed and plain clothed police officers and we'd like to remind attendees:

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings. **"If you see something, say something."** We encourage spectators to call 9-1-1 in an emergency or if they see suspicious activity.
- Refrain from public drinking & open containers.  
Public Intoxication & smoking marijuana will not be tolerated.
- Congregating on rooftops, fire escapes and porches is prohibited.
- In this time of heightened security we appreciate you not bringing backpacks to the marathon. These items are not banned however individuals may be subject to search at designated checkpoints. Please visit [BAA.org](http://BAA.org) to view the full list of spectator guidelines.
- It is recommended that you take the MBTA to travel due to the large volume of visitors who come in to the city.

In addition,

- Newbury Street and Huntington Avenue outbound will be closed to vehicular traffic to allow easier spectator movement in the area.
- Vehicular traffic will also be prohibited on many streets in Boston on the days leading up to the Marathon. For information on street closures and parking restrictions please visit [www.BPDNews.com](http://www.BPDNews.com) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter to get up to date information.

It is our hope that everyone enjoys this year's Boston Marathon and celebrate in a safe and respectful manner. The City of Boston takes pride in this event, and we ask that you to play a role in our effort to ensure that we are a shining example of good sportsmanship, pride and most of all resilience.

Sincerely,

William G. Gross

Police Commissioner