



# U.S. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Safety Information Bulletin



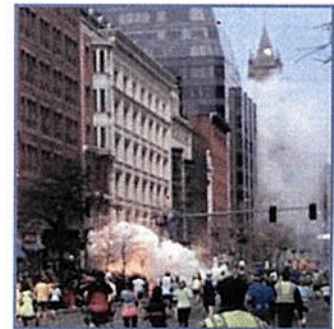
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### INCREASED VIGILANCE IN WAKE OF EXPLOSIONS AT BOSTON MARATHON

On April 15<sup>th</sup> 2013, two explosive devices detonated near the finish line of the Boston Marathon. Several individuals were killed and scores injured. Federal, state and local authorities have initiated an investigation to identify the individual(s) or group(s) responsible.



Currently, there are no active alerts in the United States government's National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) and the Maritime Security (MARSEC) level within the Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) Ohio Valley zone remains at **MARSEC 1**.

In light of this incident, and as we celebrate spring and summer festivities, we should be mindful that America's enemies maintain a desire to attack our country, our values and our way of life. It is imperative we remain vigilant to potential threats. Facility and vessel owners should periodically review all measures described in their Security Plans and be alert for possible weaknesses in their security programs. Facility and vessel owners are reminded to report bomb threats, breaches of security and suspicious activities to the National Response Center (1-800-424-8802). Other members of the maritime community are asked to report suspicious activities to [America's Waterway Watch](#) at 1-877-24-WATCH.

Additionally, we encourage you and your employees to establish [emergency preparedness kits](#) and [emergency plans](#) for yourselves and your families, and [stay informed](#) about actions to take in an emergency.

Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley is committed to working with maritime professionals to improve safety, maritime security, and environmental protection. For additional information, please contact Mr. Jim Armstrong at (502) 779-5314.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. W. Hewett".

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