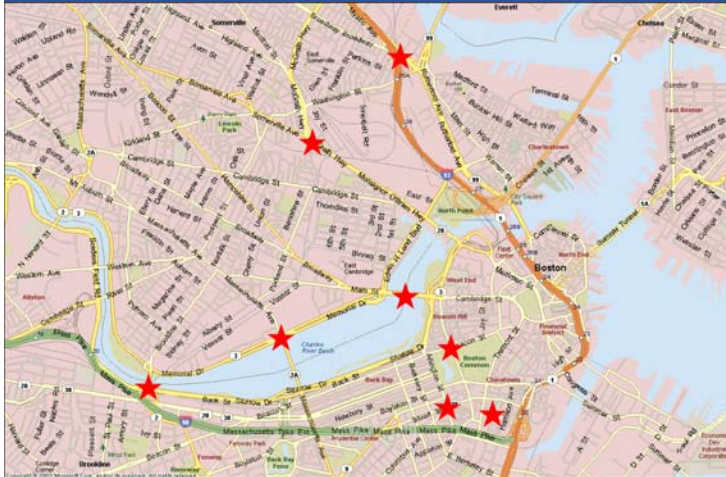




# Incident Monitoring Center



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## ALERT SUMMARY: BOSTON SUSPICIOUS DEVICES

### DATE

January 31, 2007

### LOCATION

Various locations  
Greater Boston area

### INCIDENT SITUATION

Ten suspicious devices were located throughout the Greater Boston area, causing a large security response in the morning and afternoon hours of January 31st. The first device was found on a highway support beam near the Sullivan Square Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority station, which led to the shutdown of northbound I-93 lanes. The bomb squad investigated the device and destroyed it. Later in the afternoon, several other similar looking devices were located throughout Boston. Among the reported locations were the New England Medical Center, the Boston University Bridge, the Longfellow Bridge, and the intersection of Stuart and Columbus Ave. The investigations resulted in the closure of roads and bridges, a Red Line transit suspension, and the closure of the Charles River by the Coast Guard. The devices were reported to resemble improvised explosive devices with circuit boards, wiring, and batteries, but with no explosives attached. Later reports revealed that the devices were part of a marketing campaign in ten cities by Turner Broadcasting to advertise an upcoming movie based on the cartoon TV show, "Aqua Teen Hunger Force."

### NC4 COVERAGE

NC4 provides ongoing updates to members as the incident unfolds through the National Incident Monitoring Center (NIMC). NIMC analysts follow the incident using official government sources as well as national and international media sources. In following the story, we used media coverage such as the WCVB breaking news article "Several Suspicious Packages Found In Boston."

### Selected NIMC Updates:

Sullivan Square MBTA Station - Suspicious package reportedly strapped to a support column of I-93.  
2007-01-31 09:12 EST

Longfellow Bridge - Suspicious package found among 3 others in Boston.  
2007-01-31 14:35 PST

Suspicious package found at the New England Medical Center.  
2007-01-31 14:36 EST

Red Line service suspended between Kendall Station and Park St.  
2007-01-31 14:47 EST

Coast Guard reportedly closing Charles River due to multiple suspicious packages found in Boston.  
2007-01-31 14:53 EST

Suspicious devices are marketing campaign for cartoon TV show, ads placed in 10 cities.  
2007-01-31 17:01 EST

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The screenshot shows the NIMC web interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Contact NC4, Log Out, Active Incidents, Active Advisories, Incident Explorer, Incident Map, Create NIMC, Landmarks, and Create Landmark. The main content area is titled 'Incident Detail' and shows the following information:

- Incident Channels:** NIMC Incidents, Alert Profiles>Create/Modify, NBF Incidents, NIMC Map with Refresh, NIMC in Google Earth, Virtual Earth (BETA 1)
- Social Events:** Avian Flu, 2006 World Cup
- User Profile Administration:** My Profiles
- Facility Management:** Create Facilities, Facility Status, Facility Map

The 'Incident Detail' section includes:

- Title:** Security (Suspicious Devices)
- When:** 2007-01-31 11:00 PST
- Where:** Citywide, Boston, MA, United States
- Synopsis:** Police investigating four suspicious devices in Boston, officials state they are "hoax devices." NC4 has been reporting on four confirmed suspicious devices found in Boston at the Boston University Bridge, the Longfellow Bridge, near Stuart and Columbus Ave, and at the New England Medical Center. Based on our information, all the devices have been cleared except for the Stuart and Columbus Ave incident. Additionally, we have unconfirmed reports of another device at Beacon St and Charles St. A device was also found earlier this morning at the Sullivan Square MBTA station. All the [links...](#)
- What:**
- Special Program/Event:** N/A
- Last Updated:** 2007-01-31 12:18 PST by NC4 Analyst 38
- Notification Rule:** Use Perimeter

At the bottom of the incident detail section, there are icons for Severe, Media, and Attachment(s), and buttons for Forward, Comment, and Cancel.

The bottom status bar shows 'ELEVATED', 'Significant Risk of Unwanted Attacks', 'Invitation: 0', and 'My Active Relevant Alerts: 0'.