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## Police Exercise Caution Awareness Urged, Restrictions Enforced

**JERSEY CITY-** Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and Police Department Officials announced **cautioned guidelines** for residents and visitors to the city in the wake of the terrorist bombing of a crowd of onlookers attending the Boston Marathon.

The Jersey City Police Department is operating at a higher level of security since Monday's afternoon incident at the Boston Marathon, where three were killed and dozens were injured. While there have not been threats made against Jersey City locations, its people or properties, officials here, like many communities across the United States, are taking extra precautions until a clearer picture of the attack in Boston develops.

"We urge people to be patient and more importantly observant," said **Mayor Healy**, "If you believe you see something suspicious, call the police department.

Police are reluctant to release the specifics of their "high-alert" tactics to avoid undermining the success and integrity of such, but Police Chief Tom Comey announced that events where large crowds participants may be screened and or searched.

"In light of yesterday's tragic events in Boston, law enforcement throughout this country remains in a heightened sense of security. Events attended by large numbers of people require an increased level of screening for the safety of all those involved," **Comey** said.

Enhanced security measures will be in effect for the Mayoral Debate, scheduled for 7:30 pm Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at St. Peter's University. All guests will be screened prior to entry to the Mac Mahon Student Center.

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Chief Comey requests that attendees refrain from bringing backpacks, gym bags or like items, which will delay the screening process. All bags will be subject to search by police personnel prior to admittance.

“We regret any inconvenience, but these measures are dictated by events that occur throughout the country and our response is solely to protect our residents and our elected officials,” **Comey** said. ///