

## **Brooklyn Explosion Fact Sheet – October 4, 2015 – 2:30 PM**

### **OCME**

- One victim of the Borough Park gas explosion and collapse has been recovered.
- The victim has not been positively identified.

### **FDNY**

- FDNY reports a total patient count of 14, one with fatal injuries, one with severe injuries, one with moderate injuries, ten minor injuries.
- FDNY reports one female occupant of the second floor apartment is reported missing.
- FDNY has 11 units, 50 firefighters operating on scene.
- Fire was placed under control Saturday evening. Firefighters remain on scene to extinguish any pockets of fire.
- The two fire buildings have been deemed unsafe for searches due to structural stability issues at this time.
- Due to structural concerns, a search of the debris inside the collapsed building has been delayed but is expected to resume today once safety concerns have been addressed.

### **NYPD**

- Twenty NYPD officers remain on scene.
- NYPD erected barricades for site access control and security.
- NYPD canine units remain on scene to assist in search and rescue and evidence gathering.
- NYPD officers will provide escorts for any residents looking to reenter any of their buildings that were not issued a vacate order.

### **DOT**

- 13th Avenue between 40 Street and 53 Street are closed to pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- 13th Avenue between 42nd and 44th Street are closed to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

### **DOB/HPD**

- DOB has ordered vacate orders to the following buildings: 4202, 4204, 4206, 4208, and 4210 13th Avenue.
- 18 total units vacated (12 residential, 6 commercial).

- HPD will use a grappler to begin debris removal today. The debris will be placed on the sidewalk where FDNY and NYPD will conduct evidence search and sifting. Four containers are on scene for debris removal.

### **NYCEM/ARC**

- Forty-nine residents have been displaced at this time.
- Twenty-six individuals (17 adults, 9 children) have registered with the American Red Cross. Of those 26 individuals, 19 (10 adults, 9 children) have received hotel accommodations. The remaining individuals lodged with family and friends.
- NYCEM and American Red Cross have opened a resident service center at PS 164 (42 11 14th Avenue) to provide residents with necessary services and answer any questions they may have regarding the explosion. The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Housing and Preservation Department, Small Business Services and Community Affairs Unit are on site. The center will be open from 9 AM until 6 PM.
- Residents are encouraged to check with 311 for updates on apartment vacate status.
- Center continues to coordinate with NYPD to provide reentry for residents that need to retrieve personal items.
- NYCEM has two light-towers on scene.
- NYC Emergency Management Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members have staffed the resident service center to assist with resident registrations.

### **CON ED/NATIONAL GRID**

- Gas and electric services have been cut to buildings 4202, 4204, 4206, and 4210 13th Avenue.

### **DEP**

- Air sampling will begin today.
- DEP has shut off water service to buildings 4204 and 4206 13th Avenue.

### **Multi-Agency Debris Operation**

- No debris has been removed at this time.

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