

JFK Campus Gas Explosion Update

Last evening there was an explosion at the JFK Campus in the Bronx. The explosion injured three individuals who are all currently being treated at Jacobi Hospital. Fire Marshals have determined that the explosion occurred after a worker lit a match to test a table-top gas valve in the science lab following the installation of a new gas line.

FDNY

- FDNY was first called to 99 Terrace View Ave/JFK HS at 8:09 p.m.
- First unit arrived on scene at 8:15 p.m.
- 31 units made up of 138 firefighters responded
- FDNY treated and transported three adult males to Jacobi Hospital
- The explosion blew out the walls of the sixth floor science lab on the NW corner of the building
- Debris was sent as far as 200 feet from the building
- Additional damage to multiple floors

DOE

- Seven schools are located within the campus
 - Marble Hill School for International Studies (Around 450 students)
 - Bronx Theatre High School (Around 420 students)
 - Bronx School of Law and Finance (Around 400 students)
 - English Language Learners and International Support Prep Academy (Around 330 students)
 - Bronx Engineering and Technology Academy (around 400 students)
 - New Visions Charter HS for Advanced Math and Science (Around 475 students)
 - New Visions Charter HS for Humanities (Around 475 students)
- Approximately 3,000 students in the complex
- The New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science was expected to open on Monday; DOE will provide relocation site at In-Tech Academy in the Bronx and it will open Monday
- The New Visions Charter High School for Humanities was expected to open today; DOE will provide relocation site at In-Tech Academy in the Bronx and it will open Monday-DOE is working to arrange contingency locations for all Campus schools to open their programs as planned
- The plumbing work at JFK was done by Mar-Sal Plbg & Htg, Inc.
- Today DOE will update the parents of students at the five DOE schools (approximately 2,000 students)
- If parents have questions, they should call 311 or email JFKCampus@schools.nyc.gov

NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- NYCEM has deployed its ICC vehicle to help coordinate interagency field response operations
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members are assisting with on scene response operations.
- Coordinating interagency response

DOB

- Full vacate order on the entire building
- Safety zone in place along south and west facades of the building
- Gas explosion originated in a room on the 6th floor
- DOB in consultation with SCA will assess the stability of the structure and determine a plan for any necessary demolition and remediation

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