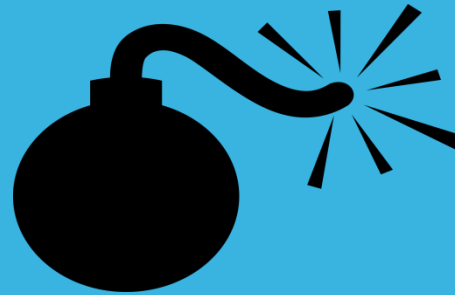


**LEVERAGING COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO
ENHANCE CAMPUS SAFETY DURING CRISIS
EVENT**

**ASSUMPTION COLLEGE
BOMB THREAT
OCTOBER 14, 2014**



E-MAIL RECEIVED 8:18 PM

“Each and every Assumption College Student and faculty member will be in threat of being killed tomorrow. Between the hours of 7AM and 6PM tomorrow there will b pressure cooker bombs placed in numerous locations around campus. These bombs are currently not on campus but will be placed sometime during the next few hours. Good luck finding them because you will all never see it coming. I am one of thew students on campus who are ridiculed and made fun of and pushed around. No more and never again. MARK MY WORDS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

* Misspelling is actual wording of email

EVALUATING THE THREAT

1. Time frame e-mail threat was received and destination it was sent to:

- Sent to business office which had normal operating hours of 9-5
- Under normal circumstances it would not have been received until after campus was fully staffed and in full operation. (Intended to create chaos and panic)

2. Reference to “PRESSURE COOKER BOMBS”

- Boston Marathon Bombing was still fresh in public's mind.
- Pressure Cooker devices were realistic and easily useable.

3. Authors self-profile:

- Student who is ridiculed, made fun of and pushed around.

CAMPUS-WIDE EVACUATION

Out of an abundance of caution the Presidents Emergency Response Team determined a full evacuation of the campus was prudent.

Had to evacuate 1900 resident students plus professional staff from campus to a safe location.

Assumption did not have the internal resources available to accomplish this task especially at 11:00 PM.

How do we best execute our evacuation plan?

***This is where developing collaborative partnerships with external community resources prior to an emergency has critical value in leveraging resources**



LEVERAGING RESOURCES

6 Telephone calls were made between 10:45PM and 11:15 PM

Worcester Emergency Management Director Richard Fiske

Worcester Police Deputy Chief Sean Fleming

MSP Lt. Colonel (then Major) Dermot Quinn

MSP Lt. Colonel Ed Amodeo

WPI Campus Police

Worcester Fire Department

LEVERAGING RESOURCES

6 telephone calls to committed partners resulted in:

Worcester Emergency Management Director responding to campus

Mobilization of numerous buses to transport students to WPI

Delivery of Cots and personal hygiene kits to all students displaced

Worcester Police deployed numerous officers under the Command of Captain.

Assigned Detective from Cyber Crimes Unit to incident.

Assigned ATF Task Force Officer to Incident

MA. State Police Deployed Bomb Unit / K-9 Teams and Assigned Fusion Center personnel.

Worcester Fire assigned Deputy Chief to Campus

WPI Campus Police opened facilities to shelter and feed evacuated students, provided staging area for Assumption Students parents responding to Worcester and provided site security.

INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION

WPD Cyber Unit detective facilitated administrative subpoena's and tracked the origin of threatening email through the IP Address. Email was a false YAHOO account created by using an Assumption Students cellular number and information from his stolen computer.

The email was sent from Quincy College, video surveillance obtained from Quincy College depicted a former (expelled) Assumption Student using a hand held electronic device at the time the email was created and received.

Owner of stolen computer provided information of suspect to investigators relating to identity of suspect.

Within 24-hours case was solved, campus was secure and all students were back on campus.



INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION CONT.....

Suspect was arrested and charged with:

MGL 269-14 (b) Communicating a bomb threat

MGL 269-14 (c) Causing the evacuation of a school by means of bomb threat

Suspect was former Assumption student well known to ACDPS. Subject had pending case in Worcester Court for multiple counts of :

Assault and Battery

Larceny over \$250.00

Rape

Case was successfully prosecuted by Worcester County District Attorney Office

April 8, 2015 suspect pled guilty and received 2.5 years in house of correction, with one year to serve plus probation and restitution.

INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION CONT....

Former Assumption student gets jail time for bomb threat

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Mohammed Braimah listens to the judge at his plea agreement Wednesday.