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OC Sheriff Announces Heightened Alert after Boston Marathon Explosions

SANTA ANA, California (April 15, 2013)- "Although the tragic incident in Boston, Massachusetts this afternoon appears to be isolated, the Orange County Sheriff's Department is on heightened alert," said Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens. "Our deputies will have an increased presence at local sporting/entertainment venues and other large gathering places."

The Orange County Sheriff's Department has a sophisticated integrated response plan to act quickly and protect citizens in the event of a local emergency. "We are actively reaching out to local event organizers to review their safety protocol, as well as ensuring our first responders are properly equipped with necessary resources should a similar incident occur," Hutchens said.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims, their families and friends affected by this tragedy. We encourage the community to be vigilant and partner with us to report suspicious activity by calling the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (714) 647-7000 or (949) 770-6011. If you have a tip to report and wish to remain anonymous, call Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS (847-6227).

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign encourages citizens to report suspicious activity to local law enforcement. Visit their website and watch the video here- http://www.dhs.gov/files/reportincidents/see-something-say-something.shtm

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