

Media Restrictions and Guidelines for Coverage of Events in the Boston Common on Saturday, August 19, 2017.

The Boston Police Department is anticipating large crowds to gather on the Boston Common on Saturday, August 19, 2017. Due to increased public safety concerns, the following instructions/restrictions are to be adhered to and followed by members of the media who plan on covering the events. Your cooperation is appreciated and expected.

- There will be NO parking of any media vehicles inside or around the Boston Common. Including: Tremont Street (Park to Boylston both sides), Park Street (both sides), Beacon Street (Park to Arlington both sides), Boylston Street, (Tremont to Charles St both sides) and Charles Street (Boylston to Beacon St. both sides). Signs have been posted “No Stopping Boston Police Special Event.”
- Camera stands/tripods, microphone stands, lighting stands/poles, boom mics, or any other item that is used to hold or secure camera or sound equipment is prohibited from the Boston Common. (This restriction also applies to the planned march down Tremont Street to the Common.)
- Backpacks and other large bags are discouraged, and may be subject to search. Any bags or backpacks that are cleared to come onto the Common are to remain under your immediate control at all times.
- There will be NO designated media staging area inside the Common. Media members are expected to remain mobile and refrain from long term stationary reporting which may incite and attract participants. NO media personnel will be allowed inside the barricaded area around the Bandstand.
- A designated media parking area for all media vehicles will be on Boylston Street between Arlington Street and Charles Street on the Public Garden side of the street only. This area is the only authorized parking location for media vehicles covering the event. Officers from the Office of Media Relations will be at that location to assist.

While the Boston Police Department fully understands the importance of keeping the public informed of events happening in and around the city, of utmost importance is the safety of all who participate, attend, and cover these events. Please be advised that the above restrictions are not exhaustive and are subject to change. Any inquiries or questions can be directed to the BPD Office of Media Relations.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Lt Det. Michael McCarthy

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