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Governor Hassan, State Emergency Management Officials, PUC Coordinating State Response to Suspicious Devices Found in Tyngsborough, Mass.

State Officials Working with FBI, Massachusetts State Police, Utilities and Other Regional and Local Officials

CONCORD – In response to suspicious devices found early this morning in Tyngsborough, Massachusetts, Governor Maggie Hassan, New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) and the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) are coordinating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the State of Massachusetts, utilities and other regional and local officials in order to protect New Hampshire citizens and maintain public safety.

“While there is no immediate threat to public safety in New Hampshire, I am working with state emergency management officials and the PUC to coordinate with our partners from the federal government, Massachusetts, utilities and local communities as the FBI continues its investigation,” Governor Hassan said. “We are exercising extra vigilance as we work with utilities to ensure that none of these suspicious devices are anywhere in New Hampshire, and we will continue to work with our partners at all levels on a coordinated response as we closely monitor the situation.”

“It’s as important now as ever to increase citizen awareness,” HSEM Director Perry Plummer said. “As we continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our partners we’re asking everyone to get involved in keeping our communities safe. The people who know best when something doesn’t seem quite right in a community are the people who live and work in that community every day. That’s why we’re asking everyone to report suspicious activity to local law enforcement or to call 911. If you see something suspicious, say something to local law enforcement.”

“We are in regular contact with the state’s utilities regarding the status of their transmission and distribution equipment and facilities,” Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, Martin Honigberg said. “The utilities are currently doing aerial and ground inspections to confirm that there is nothing that doesn’t belong on or around their lines and other structures. People who live near electric transmission lines may see and hear increased helicopter activity while this work is taking place.”

Governor Hassan and HSEM have held conference calls with relevant state agencies and utilities, and will hold another with local public safety officials in New Hampshire. State emergency management and public safety officials also remain in constant contact with the FBI and Massachusetts State Police.

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