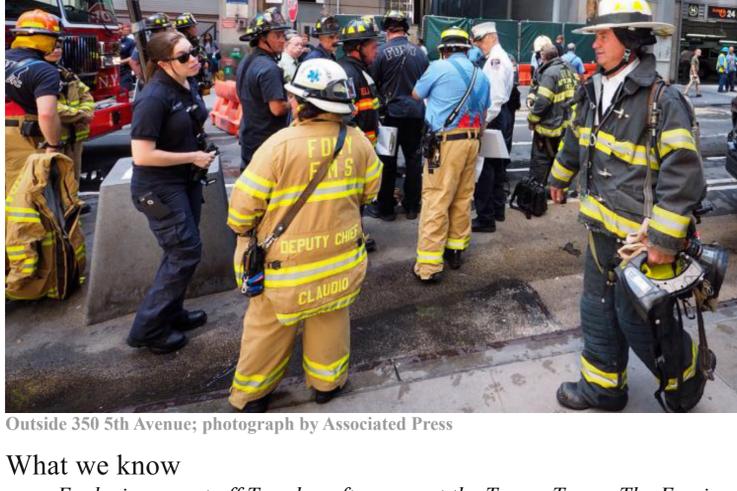


# Midtown Explosions: Everything we know so far

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Outside 350 5th Avenue; photograph by Associated Press

## What we know

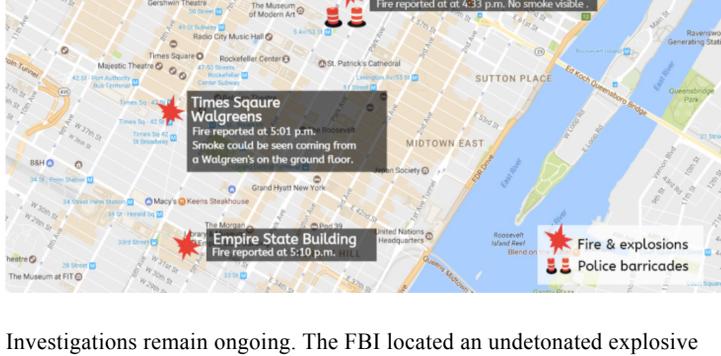
- Explosions went off Tuesday afternoon at the Trump Tower, The Empire State Building, and Times Square
- Investigations still ongoing, authorities suspect terror attack
- Undetonated bomb found at the Empire State Building
- Two unidentified male suspects detained
- President Trump reacted to attacks on Twitter

Explosions went off Tuesday afternoon in a suspected terror attacks at the Trump Tower, the Empire State Building and a Times Square in Walgreens. 12 people were injured, and two persons of interest who have not been identified have been arrested.

“We have to be ever vigilant,” said Mayor DeBlasio in a press conference. “All signs point to the act of a terrorist in planting bombs at three of the City’s landmarks.”

## The Attack

NYPD and FDNY responded to reports of scattered fires that erupted first at the Trump Tower, followed by the Empire State Building and finally at a Walgreens location in Times Square. Bystanders said they heard explosions before the fires, which have since been put out by firemen.

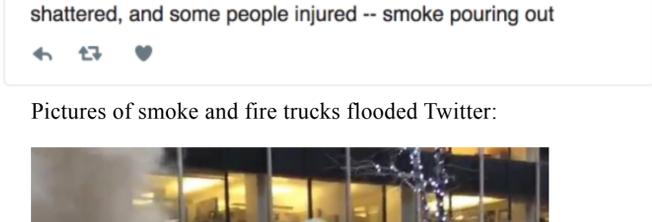


Investigations remain ongoing. The FBI located an undetonated explosive device in a pressure cooker at the Empire State Building. It’s unclear at this time if similar devices were used in the other buildings.

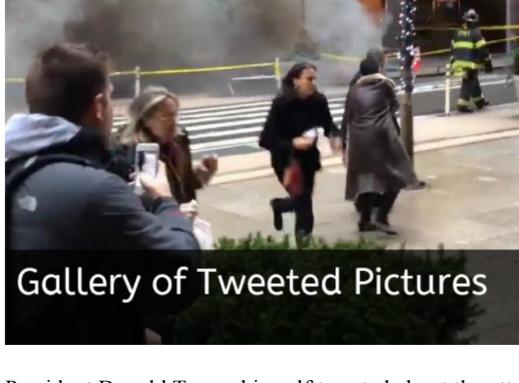
Though no fatalities have been reported, DeBlasio says 12 people are hurt and two remain in critical condition.

## The Reactions

NYPD have set up barricades at streets around the affected buildings, including 56th Street and 5th Avenue until the investigations are complete. Subways in Manhattan are also temporarily closed, according to NYPD Public Information Officer Garry Smith.



Pictures of smoke and fire trucks flooded Twitter:



President Donald Trump himself tweeted about the attack on his New York home:



## The Suspects

Police have detained two male suspects aged 27 and 22 for questioning. No individual or group has claimed responsibility for the attacks so far, but investigators suspect terrorist motives. Unreleased videos show both men near the Trump Tower prior to the explosions.

*This story is still developing, and will be updated as more information becomes available.*