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(U//NP) SCOPE

(U//NP) This product provides an assessment of terrorism, violent extremism, and other significant public safety issues relevant to law enforcement, public safety, and private sector security partners within the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR).

(U//NP) KEY POINTS

- (U//NP) White Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism (WRMVE) continues to inspire violence both in the U.S. and abroad. Following the Buffalo WRMVE attack at the Tops Friendly Market, the U.S. Attorney General and the Homeland Security Secretary stated that the greatest domestic threat facing the U.S. is racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists.
- (U//NP) Multiple WRMVE-inspired groups have increased activity in the region, with some events resulting in criminal activity. The Nationalist Social Club's (NSC-131) recent rhetoric and actions underscore their desire to create situations that could result in physical violence. Patriot Front continues to organize events that will result in a "confrontational dynamic," however, they remain careful not to publicly advocate for violence.
- (U//NP) In June 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) issued a ruling which effectively overturned Roe V. Wade. The BRIC assesses that pro-life and pro-choice associated individuals, groups, and infrastructure could potentially be targeted with additional criminal activity in the weeks and months to come.
- (U//NP) We assess that domestic violent extremists (DVEs) will continue to pose the most imminent threat to the homeland throughout 2022. Sociopolitical developments — such as abortion-related issues, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol's ongoing public hearings, and the upcoming midterm elections — could further exacerbate the level of DVE activity.
- (U//NP) Extremist propaganda and messaging continues to inspire lone actors and small cells to take violent action on behalf of Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs). The threat to the homeland from such actors remains elevated.
- (U//NP) Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and al-Qa'ida (AQ) remain committed to targeting the homeland, though recent battlefield and leadership losses have led to both terrorist groups focusing primarily on localized conflicts that are playing out in Afghanistan, Iraq/Syria, and several areas of Africa.
- (U//NP) We assess that Russian, Chinese and Iranian advanced persistent threat (APT) actors and Eastern European criminal groups will continue to pose a high frequency and high impact threat to U.S. and MBHSR information systems. The number of reported ransomware attacks rose slightly from the first quarter of 2022 and ransomware remains one of the most disruptive cyberattacks affecting U.S. networks.

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(U//NP) TRENDS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENT EXTREMISM

(U//NP) Mass violence attacks driven by factors including, but not limited to, perceived personal grievances, political beliefs, and biases related to gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, or religion, remain a significant threat to the Homeland. DVE attackers often radicalize independently by consuming violent extremist material online and mobilize without direction from a violent extremist organization, making detection and disruption difficult. Tactics vary widely but tend to draw on prior attacks that have proven successful, whether in the United States or overseas.

(U//NP) DOMESTIC VIOLENT EXTREMISM**(U//NP) Threat Categories**

(U//NP) This is not an exhaustive list of domestic extremist categories and groups – those featured in this document are assessed by the BRIC to be the most relevant to the MBHSR at the time of this assessment. Please also note that DHS and the FBI released updated guidance as to domestic terrorism definitions, terminology, and methodology in November 2020. This document is available upon request from the BRIC or via HSIN Intelligence.

(U//NP) Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism (RMVE):

(U//NP) According to a recent Office of the Director of National Intelligence's assessment, RMVEs that self-radicalize and act alone or in small cells currently present the most lethal DVE threat to civilians in the homeland.

(U//NP) White Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism

(U//NP) WRMVE continues to be one of the most active ideologies for motivating violence. The most significant incident this quarter related to WRMVE took place in Buffalo, New York in May 2022.

(U//NP) On 14 May 2022, 18-year-old Peyton Gendron shot and killed 10 people and injured three others in a racially motivated attack at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York that was live streamed on Twitch. Prior to the attack, the suspect authored a white supremacy manifesto and is believed to have selected a predominantly black area for his attack that was planned for months. Gendron has been charged with 10 counts of first-degree murder, 10 counts of second-degree murder as a hate crime, and three counts of attempted murder as a hate crime.



Tops Friendly Market (Source: CNN)

(U//FOUO) Buffalo Attack Likely to Drive Heightened Threat from RMVEs

(U//FOUO) In June 2022, the DHS Bureau of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) issued an intelligence brief titled "Buffalo, New York Attack Likely to Drive Heightened Threat from Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremists (RMVEs) in Near Term". In the brief, DHS assesses that reactions to the racially motivated attack in Buffalo, New York likely will drive a heightened threat to traditional RMVE targets—including African American and other minority communities—in the coming months. Key points of the brief include the following:

- (U//FOUO) Following the Buffalo attack, suspected RMVE online supporters have issued calls for copycat or inspired attacks on "days of action" on the 14th of upcoming months or other unspecified days;
- (U//FOUO) Aspiring RMVE attackers have often drawn inspiration from previous successful attackers and typically mobilize as lone offenders, limiting law enforcement's and bystanders' insights into their plans; and
- (U//FOUO) Key factors driving potential RMVE attackers' mobilization are operational readiness and personalization of potential targets.

(U//NP) Local WRMVE-Inspired Activity of Note

(U//NP) The MBHSR continues to see WRMVE-inspired groups active in the area. Local activity includes continued propaganda dissemination and recruitment efforts along with Patriot Front and Nationalist Social Club (NSC-131) members holding events in the region. Both groups appear to have grown in numbers over the past quarter and have attracted members from out of state to participate in events in the MBHSR. A recent photo (featured right) posted by NSC-131 shows a group about double the size as in previous pictures.



NCS-131 in Boston, July 2022 (Source: Telegram)

(U//NP) National WRMVE Activity of Note

(U//NP) In June 2022, 31 members of Patriot Front were arrested near LGBTQ+ event in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and were charged with conspiracy to riot. The arrestees from 12 different states were inside a U-Haul with riot gear and on their way to Pride in the Park.

(U//NP) According to a Coer d'Alene Police Officer's probable cause declaration, the group's plan was intended to "antagonize and cause disorder" and outlines an exit strategy to be implemented "once an appropriate amount of time and confrontational dynamic has been established."



Common Patriot Front Logo



Patriot Front Members arrested in Idaho (Source: CNN)

(U//NP) Abortion-Related Violent Extremism

(U//NP) SCOTUS Overturns Roe v. Wade

(U//NP) In June 2022, SCOTUS issued a ruling which effectively overturned Roe v. Wade, permitting individual states to legislate on the legality of abortion. Abortion remains one of the most polarizing issues in the U.S., and any legal challenges addressing the practice are often met with a virulent response. New and proposed legislation to restrict abortion in several states is likely to remain a flashpoint in the short term. DHS assesses that abortion-related violent extremist threats would likely be elevated while significant abortion-related legal and legislative debates are occurring. While historically, abortion-related illegal activity nationwide has included vandalism, assault, and terroristic threats against reproductive health, healthcare facilities, and abortion-related protests, pro-life individuals, groups, and infrastructure could also be targeted.

(U//NP) Abortion-Related Criminal Activity

(U//NP) Tensions between individuals with opposing views on abortion have increased significantly following the leaked SCOTUS opinion and the court's decision to overrule *Roe v. Wade*. Traditionally, abortion-related violence has targeted pro-choice and abortion property, individuals, and groups. However, in light of recent events, criminal activity could occur toward pro-life or pro-choice targets.

(U//NP) Prior to the release of SCOTUS's final decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a draft opinion was leaked in May. A group called Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for several arsons and vandalisms at pro-choice facilities across the country. The group called the attacks a warning and vowed to continue the use of "increasingly extreme tactics" with no further warnings.



Arson at pro-life facility in OR (Source: NYT)

(U//NP) In another incident following the leaked SCOTUS decision, an armed man was arrested near Justice Brett Kavanaugh's home in Maryland and charged with "attempts to kidnap or murder, or threatens to assault, kidnap or murder" the justice.

(U//NP) The BRIC assesses that pro-life and pro-choice associated facilities such as abortion clinics, pregnancy crisis centers, Catholic churches, and other facilities will continue to be targets for criminal activity in the coming months. Additionally, events held for either side of the issue may attract opposing elements and if these two groups are not kept apart, there is a high likelihood for violence or threats of violence.

(U//NP) Animal Rights/Environmental Extremism

- (U//NP) In June 2022, a climate group out of the United Kingdom claimed responsibility for slashing the tires of an estimated 40 vehicles in New York City. The group encourages followers to deflate the tires of parked SUVs in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Similar incidents were reported in Chicago, IL, San Francisco, CA, and Scranton, PA over the past month.
- (U//NP) In May 2022, eight people were arrested in the woods outside Atlanta, GA when individuals threw rocks and Molotov cocktails at authorities attempting to clear the area. A group called "forest defenders" declared the forest an autonomous zone and are attempting to prevent a \$90 million public safety training center from being built on the land. The group has vandalized, built structures, and erected barricades in the area.
- (U//NP) In April 2022, several animal rights advocates held direct actions at Minnesota's Target Center during NBA playoff games. The demonstrators ran on the court and disrupted multiple games due to one of the team's owner's association with a company that killed millions of chickens earlier in the year during the bird flu outbreak.

(U//NP) Anti-Government or Anti-Authority Violent Extremism

(U//NP) Anarchist Violent Extremism

(U//NP) The MBHSR has an active Anarchist Violent Extremist (AVE) community comprised primarily of a loose network of antifascists who frequently utilize direct action to oppose local events that they perceive to be fascist. While the ideology is constitutionally protected, there have been several occasions in recent years where individuals have engaged in (or planned to engage in) criminal activity on behalf of this ideology.¹ Furthermore, this criminal activity almost always takes place at otherwise constitutionally protected events (such as rallies or protests) organized by their ideological opponents. Recently, events organized by white supremacist organizations such as NSC-131 or Patriot Front have been of particular interest. The incident below underscores this point:

¹ (U//NP) BPD Incidents 202076796, 202076799, I192041456, I192041403, I192041421, I182043696.

(U//NP) Sovereign Citizen Violent Extremism

(U//NP) The MBHSR has a small but significant presence of sovereign citizens. Most interactions with police have been non-violent but some have escalated to violence due to their beliefs such as resisting arrest or refusing certain commands resulting in forcefully removing them from a vehicle or residence.

(U//NP) Militia Violent Extremism

- (U//NP) In June 2022, Boogaloo member Steven Carrillo pled guilty to murder and attempted murder. Carrillo, an Air Force staff sergeant, conducted a drive-by shooting at the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Oakland, California during civil unrest in May 2020. A Protective Services Officer was killed in the attack and a security contractor was injured.
- (U//NP) In June 2022, a North Carolina-based Boogaloo Bois member was sentenced to prison on terrorism charges for attempting to sell weapons to Hamas.

(U//NP) Domestic Terrorism (DT) - Other

- (U//NP) In June 2022, a car with anti-Trump stickers crashed through the front glass of a pro-Trump store in Easton, MA. No one was hurt in the incident. The driver was charged with reckless operation of a motor vehicle and malicious destruction of property.
- (U//NP) In April 2022, Thomas Develin, a National Guard member, was charged with making terroristic threats on Discord while working private security at a Jewish K-12 school. Develin posted “I’m at a Jewish School and about to make it everyone’s problem” and “the playground is about to turn into a self-defense situation” to a group chat with other National Guard members.
- (U//NP) In April 2022, Dion Marsh was charged with terrorism among other charges after he stabbed an Orthodox Jewish man in the chest, carjacked a vehicle, and then ran over pedestrians in Ocean City, New Jersey.
- (U//NP) In April 2022, four people were arrested in Germany for plotting to cause a nationwide blackout and kidnap the country’s health minister. The four suspects are anti-government extremists and aimed to overthrow the government.

(U//NP) Proud Boys Leader Charged in January 6th Capital Attack

Source: ABC News

(U//NP) Former Proud Boys leader, Enrique Tarrio, has been charged with seditious conspiracy for his role in the January 6th Capitol Attack. Tarrio is accused of conspiring to use force to obstruct and stop the Electoral College count on January 6th.

(U//NP) At the time of this assessment, the January 6th House Select Committee is holding ongoing public hearings related to the investigation into the attack on the U.S. Capitol in 2021. The public hearings continue to inflame political tensions across the U.S.

(U//NP) MASS ATTACKS

(U//NP) The National Threat Assessment Center defines a mass attack as an incident carried out in a public space during which three or more people, not including the attacker, are harmed. Spontaneous altercations, gang violence, and criminal acts for monetary gain are not considered mass attacks. Additionally, injuries to first responders are excluded. Mass attacks can be motivated by any variety of factors including, but not limited to, personal grievances, mental health issues, or extremist ideology.

(U//NP) Mass attacks are occurring at an alarming rate throughout the country. The BRIC is including such incidents because they highlight many of the same issues present in terrorist attacks. Namely tactics, targeting, and the complex nature of the factors that mobilized the individual to violence.

(U//NP) Notable Mass Attack Incidents

- (U//NP) On 4 July 2022, seven people were killed and over 45 were injured in a shooting at a July 4th parade in Highland Park, Illinois. The suspect, 21-year-old Robert “Bobby” E. Crimo III, opened fire with a rifle from a rooftop striking participants and spectators of the event. Crimo fled the scene and was apprehended later in the day. At the time of this assessment, a motive for the attack is under investigation.
- (U//NP) In May 2022, 18-year-old Salvador Ramos entered Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas and shot and killed 19 students and two teachers, and wounded 17 others. Ramos was killed by authorities at the scene. Prior to the attack, Ramos shot his grandmother in the head, severely wounding her. Ramos legally purchased firearms days before the attack. At the time of this assessment, a motive for the attack is under investigation as is law enforcement’s response to the incident.
- (U//NP) In May 2022, 36-year-old Jeremy Smith was arrested after wounding three women of Asian descent in a hair salon in Dallas’ Koreatown. The incident, which is being investigated as a hate crime, may be linked to two other shootings at businesses run by Asian Americans.
- (U//NP) In May 2022, one person was killed and five others were injured in a shooting at a Laguna Woods, California church. David Chou, a 68-year-old Asian male, was arrested at the scene. It is believed that the shooting was politically motivated and related to Chinese-Taiwanese tensions.
- (U//NP) In April 2022, Frank James donned a gas mask, deployed a smoke grenade, then opened fire on a NYC MTA train bound for Manhattan. Ten people were shot and several others were injured in the incident, though no fatalities were reported. James was arrested the following day in Manhattan and pleaded not guilty to terrorism and other charges.



(U//NP) INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

(U//NP) *The foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs) discussed below all pose a significant threat either to the homeland or to US interests overseas. This is not an exhaustive list of FTOs and the BRIC notes only the most current developments for covered groups.*

(U//NP) As has been the case for the past several years, Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVEs) inspired by FTOs – namely the Islamic State (ISIS) and al-Qaeda (AQ) – continue to represent a significant threat to the homeland. Both terrorist organizations have proven adept at inspiring supporters to act on behalf of extremist ideologies. Though the pace of HVE attacks attributed to these organizations has slowed in the US over the past several years, there has been little to no change in extremist propaganda and calls to target the West in general, and the United States specifically.

(U//NP) FTO’s such as AQ and ISIS are actively engaged in other countries and rebuilding their territories and personnel. In May 2022, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) assessed that FTOs such as AQ and ISIS-Khorasan (ISIS-K) would need one to two years to conceptualize, develop, and execute complex attack plots targeting the West.

(U//NP) Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS)

(U//NP) In March 2022, Abu al-Hassan al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi was announced as the new Caliph of ISIS following the death of his predecessor, Shaikh Abu Ibrahim Al-Qurashi, who died during a US military raid in February 2022. Al-Qurayshi’s death may not have a significant operational impact on the insurgency, which has decentralized to the ISIS provinces and local cells; it may have a more symbolic effect on ISIS’s morale and recruitment. In April 2022, an ISIS spokesman announced a new campaign to avenge the deaths of the former leader and spokesman called “The Revenge Invasion for the Two Shaykhs.” He

also delivered a call to jihadists in the Wests and encouraged them to act and follow the examples set by previous “lone wolves” and those in Israel recently.

(U//NP) ISIS-Inspired Attacks and Plots

- (U//NP) **OSLO, NORWAY:** On 25 June 2022, two were killed and over 21 were injured in a shooting at a LGBTQ+ festival outside an LGBTQ+ bar in Oslo, Norway in what authorities described as a violent Islamist terrorist attack. The suspect, Zaniar Matapour, is in custody. Matapour, a Norwegian citizen originally from Iran, was charged with murder, attempted murder, and terrorism. The suspect was known to police. The Norwegian domestic security agency became aware of the suspect in 2015 and later grew concerned he had become radicalized and was part of an unspecified violent Islamist network. According to law enforcement officials in Norway, Matapour was an ISIS sympathizer.
- (U//NP) **OHIO & TEXAS:** On 24 May 2022, an Iraqi citizen living in Columbus, Ohio, was charged federally with an immigration crime and aiding and abetting a plot to murder former U.S. President George W. Bush. The suspect, an ISIS sympathizer, allegedly sought to have Iraqi operatives smuggled from Mexico into the U.S. for the operation. He wished to murder the former president for "killing many Iraqis" and "breaking apart" Iraq.
- (U//NP) **MICHIGAN:** On 1 April 2022, US District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan issued a summons for convicted ISIS supporter Sebastian Gregerson (a.k.a. Abdurrahman Bin Mikaayl) on suspected violation of conditions of supervised release. Gregerson allegedly violated the terms of his release by purchasing destructive devices such as road spikes and combat knives, as well as downloading extremist literature online. Gregerson also utilized unauthorized electronic devices and used a counter-surveillance tool known as a Faraday bag, which blocks wireless signals from reaching devices.
- (U//NP) **UTAH:** On 25 March 2022, a Salt Lake City man, 24-year-old Murat Suljovic, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison and 20 years of supervised release for attempting to provide material support to ISIS. Suljovic provided would-be ISIS attackers advice on potential targets as well as bomb making tutorials.
- (U//NP) **MAINE & ILLINOIS:** On 25 March 2022, court documents were unsealed that reveal additional details about the 11 February 2022 arrest of Xavier Pelkey in Maine. These documents indicate that Pelkey, 18, of Westville, ME and two unnamed minors were plotting to bomb a Shia Mosque in Chicago, IL and potentially target other houses of worship until they were shot and killed by police. The three individuals were planning on conducting the attack in late March and planned on acquiring firearms to execute worshippers in conjunction with detonating their improvised explosive devices (IEDs). Upon searching Pelkey's residence, authorities found three IEDs made with fireworks and taped together with various shrapnel. Authorities also recovered painted images of the ISIS flag, a shotgun, sword, and knives from one of the minors.

(U//NP) BRIC Note: We mistakenly labeled this case as a potential WRMVE-related incident in the BRIC's March 2022 Threat Assessment. The details provided in the 25 March 2022 court documents indicate that these individuals were inspired by ISIS.

(U//NP) ISIS Activity in Conflict Zones / Ungoverned & Under-Governed Areas

(U//NP) ISIS continues to be active in several conflict zones, including Iraq/Syria, Afghanistan, part of southeast Asia, and several sub-Saharan African countries as well.

(U//NP) AFRICA

(U//NP) In March 2022, ISIS's Al-Naba Newsletter confirmed the establishment of a new ISIS branch called “ISIS-Sahel Province.” The announcement of the new province was made when the group claimed credit for an attack on a military base in Mali. In late March, ISIS-Sahel released a statement documenting its first large offensive in the new province. The group took credit for multiple attacks spanning several weeks in Northern Mali.

(U//NP) This new province joins several ISIS affiliates that are already active in Africa such as ISIS West Africa and ISIS Central Africa. In mid to late April, ISIS-West Africa expanded its operational territory and claimed several attacks in multiple Nigerian states. In early April, ISIS-Central Africa claimed responsibility for targeting Christians in multiple provinces.

(U//NP) MIDDLE EAST

- (U//NP) **IRAQ:** The U.S.'s role in Iraq has transitioned entirely to training and advising, formally ending the US combat mission in that country after nearly seven years. ISIS is no longer the threat it once was, but the group still maintains a sizeable network that is capable of launching complex attacks.
- (U//NP) **SYRIA:** Maher al-Agal, considered one of the top five ISIS leaders and the leader of ISIS in Syria, was killed by a U.S. drone strike in July 2022.

(U//NP) CENTRAL ASIA

- (U//NP) **AFGHANISTAN:** ISIS-Khorasan (ISIS-K) has been one of ISIS's most active affiliates and has recently started conducting attacks outside of Afghanistan and Pakistan. The DIA assesses that ISIS-K could develop a capability to attack the U.S. within a year, if the group chose to prioritize such an attack.
 - (U//NP) **AFGHANISTAN:** ISIS-K militants attacked a Sikh temple in Kabul, Afghanistan on 18 June 2022, killing at least two and injuring seven. This attack was reportedly conducted out of revenge for members of India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party insults about the Prophet Mohammed.
 - (U//NP) **AFGHANISTAN:** ISIS-K claimed responsibility for bombings that blew up two power transmission towers west of Kabul, Afghanistan on 29 April 2022. The attacks caused millions to lose power ahead of the celebration of the end of Ramadan. ISIS-K has been waging a campaign against energy sector targets in Afghanistan, with the goal of destabilizing the government.
 - (U//NP) **AFGHANISTAN:** On 21 April 2022, ISIS-K claimed responsibility for the bombing at a Shia Mosque in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, killing at least 31 people and injuring more than 60. ISIS-K militants detonated an explosive device from a distance while the mosque was full of worshippers gathered for Ramadan prayer.
 - (U//NP) **UZBEKISTAN:** On 18 April 2022, ISIS-K claimed a rocket attack targeting Uzbekistan's military forces in Termiz, Uzbekistan, near the border with Afghanistan. This claim came shortly after a declaration that the group would embark on a global campaign.

(U//FOUO) Kashmir & AQ

(U//NP) Two AQ videos this year featured AQ leader Ayman al-Zawahri discussing Kashmir and urging Muslims around the world to support the fight. Zawahri specifically mentioned support for an Indian Muslim woman who defied a hijab ban in southwest India in February of this year, showing he is alive as of early this year and his interest in the region.

(U//NP) Kashmir — a disputed region at the Indian-Pakistan border — has been a long-standing conflict zone between Muslims and Hindus. In 2019, India's Parliament voted to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, also known as Article 370, effectively applying the Indian Constitution to the region, inflaming tensions in the area even further.

(U//FOUO) Al-Qaeda (AQ) and Affiliates

(U//NP) Core Al-Qaeda's capabilities have been diminished significantly and the DIA assesses that the group is probably on a declining global trajectory due to the deaths of key leaders, unfavorable operating environments, sustained counterterrorism pressure, and the lack of leaders who have global jihadist appeal. Senior leaders will likely continue to focus on issuing propaganda aimed at recruitment and inspiring supporters to conduct attacks on their own.

- (U//NP) **SOMALIA:** Al-Shabaab remains one of the most potent AQ affiliates and has continued to attack military, police, and government targets in both Kenya and Somalia over the past several months. Recent high-profile attacks include targeting a military base attached to an International Airport in Mogadishu, an attack which killed a prominent parliamentary election candidate, and a suicide attack at a restaurant that government officials frequent which killed at least six people.
- (U//NP) **YEMEN:** In April 2022, 10 influential Al-Qaeda in the Arab Peninsula (AQAP) inmates escaped from a prison in Eastern Yemen. The Yemen-based AQAP is considered to be the most dangerous branch of AQAP globally and continues to be a lethal force, notably in Yemen's south and east, where it is believed to have some 7,000 militants. AQAP attempted an assassination attempt on the leader of a UAE-backed military command in southern Yemen in March.

(U//FOUO) Discussions of Terror Groups Unification

(U//FOUO) Earlier this quarter, DHS I&A noted that a common theme from AQ, ISIS, and Hurras al-Tawheed, has been a narrative on unifying Muslims and that divisions have weakened the groups. AQ and ISIS typically intend "unification" to mean uniting supporters under their banner or a common geographic location, though I&A assesses that the groups are unlikely to come together due to ideological differences. Hurras al-Tawheed, however, has called for the reunification of AQ and ISIS under a single movement and encourages supporters to fight for the two entities since they are established terrorist groups.

(U//NP) Propaganda and Media Wrap-up

(U//NP) Several FTOs, notably AQ and ISIS, continue to generate an array of online content that aims to educate, radicalize, and inspire would be attackers. Brief summaries of the most significant releases are below:

- (U//FOUO) On 1 May 2022, the foreign-terrorist inspired Hurras al-Tawheed released Issue 6 of their English magazine O Mujahideen in the West. This publication includes easily accessible guidance on a range of low-tech tactics, images of potential targets, and encouragement for attacks. The magazine also focuses on lone-offender attacks (called lone wolf in the magazine) and provides an article by Anwar al-Awlaki, a deceased al-Qa'ida ideologue, on the subject. Regarding specific tactics, the magazine includes instructions on how to produce tear gas and provides instruction on how to carry out an operation. It also stresses the importance of making statements during lone offender operations to let people know why the attack is happening and to livestream the activity (see callout box).i

(U//NP) Hamas

- (U//NP) In May 2022, a federal grand jury charged an Irvine man with attempting to provide material support to Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) and Hamas. In 2020, 26-year old Jason Fong, allegedly attempted to fundraise for Hamas and to provide to HTS tactical, combat, and weapons training material as well as information regarding the making of chemical weapons and IEDs.
- (U//NP) In May 2022, Hamas claimed responsibility for killing an Israeli security guard at the entrance of a Jewish settlement in the West Bank. The attack was the first time Hamas has claimed such an attack targeting Israelis in the occupied West Bank since 2018.

HOW TO DO A LONE WOLF OPERATION!

*"...Do not give the kuffar chance to lie about you. They will say that you were a "crazy individual" who did not take your meds that day. This is wrong, they try to lie to the population to give them a false reality of "security". So during your attack, make sure to shout your **Takbirat (Allahu akbar)**. Let the nation of kufr know that the Ummah has sent a lion to seek revenge for the mistreated believers.*

*There are many ways for doing your operation, you can also broadcast it live on the internet, It could be Facebook, YouTube or Instagram. Make sure your statement gets out there, so everyone know why you are doing this operation. Do not give the kuffar media a chance to lie about you. If you want to take revenge, than make sure to leave a note, or mass-spread your message on social media. **Do NOT** send the message before the operation, rather wait until you are in the action."*

(U//NP) Taliban

- (U//NP) **Afghan Taliban:** In June 2022, around 3,000 of the Taliban leaders held a conference for the first time since seizing power in August 2021. The group reportedly discussed seeking international recognition. Days after the conference, the Taliban declared ISIS-K a corrupt sect and forbid Afghans from any contact with the group.

(U//NP) Tensions & Violence Escalate in Israel & Palestine

(U//NP) The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has flared up this quarter including a wave of attacks in Israel followed by the killing of an America-Palestinian journalist in the West Bank.

(U//NP) Significant Incidents in Israel this quarter:

- (U//NP) 7 March: An edged-weapon attack in Jerusalem, claimed by Hamas, wounded two officers.
- (U//NP) 22 March: An ISIS-aligned attacker rammed and then shot civilians in Beersheba, killing four.
- (U//NP) 27 March: Two attackers fatally shot police in Hadera after pledging allegiance to ISIS's new "caliph."
- (U//NP) 29 March: A lone assailant fatally shot five people in Bnei Brak.
- (U//NP) 7 April: A Palestinian attacked multiple locations with a gun in a busy, central area of Tel Aviv, killing three.

(U//NP) In May 2022, a well-known Palestinian-American journalist for Al Jazeera, Shireen Abu Akleh, was fatally shot in the West Bank city of Jenin while wearing a "PRESS" vest and documenting ongoing clashes in the town amid Israeli counterterrorism raids in the wake of a string of the above-mentioned attacks. Investigations into who shot Akleh have determined that a bullet fired from IDF positions was likely responsible for her death. The U.S. continues to encourage cooperation between Israel and the Palestinian Authority in this important case. Akleh's funeral procession was disrupted by Israeli police who used batons against mourners and pallbearers, drawing international condemnation.

(U//NP) FTOs are likely to use this high-profile incident in anti-Israel and anti-Semitic messaging.

(U//NP) CYBER

(U//NP) Executive Summary

(U//NP) The United States remained a major target of domestic and international cyber threat actors (CTAs) through the first and second quarters of 2022 despite an overall decrease in the frequency of reported cyberattacks from a peak in November 2021. The MBHSR, with its high concentration of critical infrastructure systems and technologically advanced environment, likely experiences an outsize share of the total cybercrime in the U.S.

- (U//NP) Russian, Chinese and Iranian based advanced persistent threats (APTs) and criminal groups continue to pose a high-frequency, high impact threat to U.S. information systems. While they frequently use public disclosed vulnerabilities to conduct cybercrime, use of stolen credentials remains the primary infection vector for most CTAs.
- (U//NP) We assess that both opportunistic and financially motivated CTAs remain the most prevalent threat to information systems affecting MBHSR residents, the most prominent of which are ransomware and business email compromise (BEC) focused actors.
- (U//NP) While cybercrime organizations likely based in Eastern Europe continue to deploy ransomware attacks at an alarming pace, the widespread campaigns targeting the energy, transportation and financial services industries that Western officials feared would emanate from Russia in the wake of their invasion of Ukraine did not materialize in Q2 2022.

(U//FOUO) Summary Statistics

(U//FOUO) The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) serves as a central reporting mechanism for cybercrime and online fraud in the U.S. We note that while the IC3 maintains statistics of reported cybercrime, we assess with high confidence that victims underreport losses and incidents as security and law enforcement experts estimate that victims only report approximately 25 percent of incidents to authorities. Nevertheless, IC3 stats for the 2nd quarter 2022 can provide a useful overview of the cybercrime environment in the region:

- (U//FOUO) Total reported cybercrime victim loss from April 1 to June 30, 2022 in the MBHSR reached \$6,329,834.
- (U//FOUO) The towns with the highest reported victim loss were Boston, Brookline and Cambridge, at \$2.83 million, 2.04 million, and \$725,000, respectively.
- (U//FOUO) We stress that these figures are likely undercounts due to reporting challenges in internet-enabled crime.

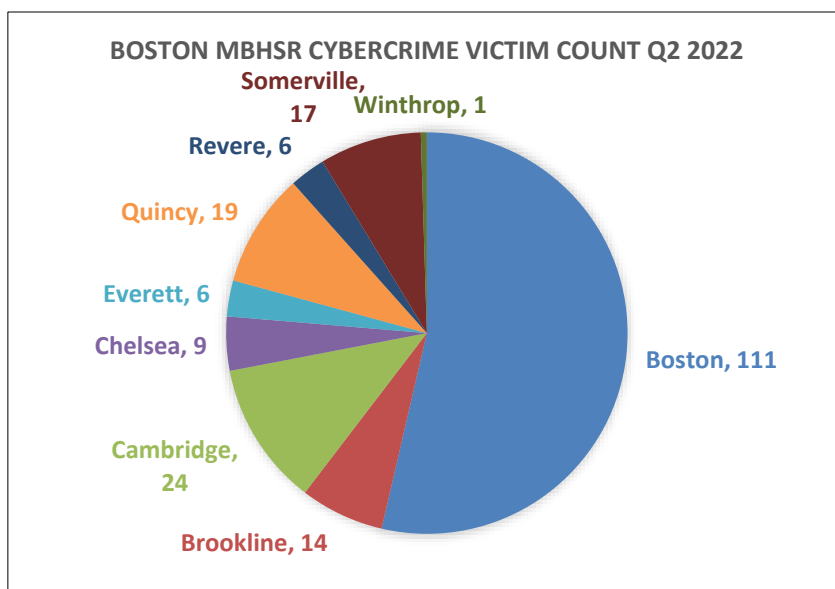


Figure 1 - Boston MBHSR Cybercrime Count. Source data: IC3.gov

(U//NP) National and Global Environment

(U//NP) In early April, the FBI released IC3 figures covering the year 2021. They reported 847,376 complaints of suspected internet-enabled crime in 2021, a seven percent increase from 2020 that resulted in losses exceeding \$6.9 billion. Of the more than 30 crime types reported, the top three cybercrimes were phishing scams, non-payment/non-delivery scams, and personal data breach, followed closely by identity theft and extortion. BEC scams, investment fraud, and romance and confidence schemes cost victims the most money. In the past five years, money lost by victims has grown almost five-fold from \$1.4 billion to \$6.9 billion.

(U//FOUO) Major Vulnerabilities Disclosed

(U//NP) The second quarter of 2022 continued to see significant software vulnerabilities disclosed that could severely affect state and local government agencies and critical infrastructure sectors. Two key highlights include:

- (U//NP) In early June, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released a bulletin concerning Owl Labs Meeting Pro and Whiteboard dubbed Computer Vulnerability and Exposure (CVE) [2022-31460](#). Owl Labs produces a videoconference device with an array of cameras and microphones that captures 360-degree video and audio and automatically focuses on whoever is speaking to make meetings more dynamic and inclusive. CISA released this bulletin following a Swiss security researcher's finding that the device was riddled with basic [security flaws and weaknesses](#).

BRIC Note: CTAs quickly began exploiting Owl devices once the vulnerabilities became known. CTAs have accelerated their "time to attack" in recent years, meaning they can now rapidly exploit vulnerabilities as they become public.

- (U//NP) In May, CISA released an emergency directive requiring federal civilian agencies to address CVEs 2022-22954 and 2022-22960 which affected certain VMware products. CISA reported that CTAs were actively exploiting these vulnerabilities and posed an unacceptable risk to federal networks.

(U//FOUO) Reporting over the past three months indicates that of the top eight most exploited vulnerabilities, researchers discovered seven and provided known mitigations over three years ago. This finding demonstrates how legacy and unpatched

systems continue to plague information systems and provide an easy intrusion vector for CTAs, whether aligned with nation states for espionage purposes or financially motivated cyber threat actors.

(U//NP) The Verizon Data Breach Investigation Report (DBIR) 2022, a keystone yearly report on cybercrime published in May, further reveals that in addition to known and years old vulnerabilities, 82 percent of breaches involve a human element, whether the use of stolen credentials, phishing, misuse, or simply an error. A separate report by Digital Shadows Research released in June states that 24.6 billion stolen credential pairs (username & password) were [available for sale on the dark web](#), half of which were exposed over the past year.

(U//FOUO) Threat actors and Major incidents

(U//NP) A wide swath of CTAs continue to wreak havoc on information systems in the U.S. and in the MBHSR. From nation state backed advanced persistent threats (APTs) seeking to advance national agendas and espionage to relatively unskilled activists defacing websites, threats abound. However, Q2 2022 appears to follow an existing trend over the past several years in which the motivations behind hacking has increasingly concentrated on the financial according to the 2022 Verizon DBIR. Financial considerations motivated approximately 84 percent of external CTAs' attacks with espionage distantly trailing. Phishing increased precipitously as a means of initial intrusion, up to 36 percent in reported data breaches.

(U//FOUO) Ransomware CTAs and Trends

(U//NP) While all manner of cyberattacks affect residents, governments and businesses in the MBHSR, ransomware, malware that locks the user out of their files or their device and demands an anonymous online payment to restore access, remains amongst the most pressing and pernicious concerns. Ransomware operators often threaten to post victim data to websites in an attempt at further extortion. According to data accumulated by Recorded Future, a cyber threat intelligence firm, [ransomware attacks began to increase in March 2022](#) after a relative lull earlier this year.

(U//NP) Ransomware organizations increasingly operate more akin to businesses than criminal enterprises, with tech support lines, public relations departments, and complex organizational structures made up of core members and affiliates who gain initial access into victim networks. Ransomware groups compete with each other as well and vie for market share, which has consolidated over the past year. In recent years, ransomware developers have expanded to using the ransomware as a service (RaaS) model, which is a business model between ransomware operators and affiliates in which affiliates gain access to victim networks and pay to launch ransomware attacks developed by operators. The efficacy of this model has contributed to the explosion of ransomware attacks over the past three years and made attacks easier to launch for unskilled CTAs. Some major ransomware focused CTAs highlight these trends and include:

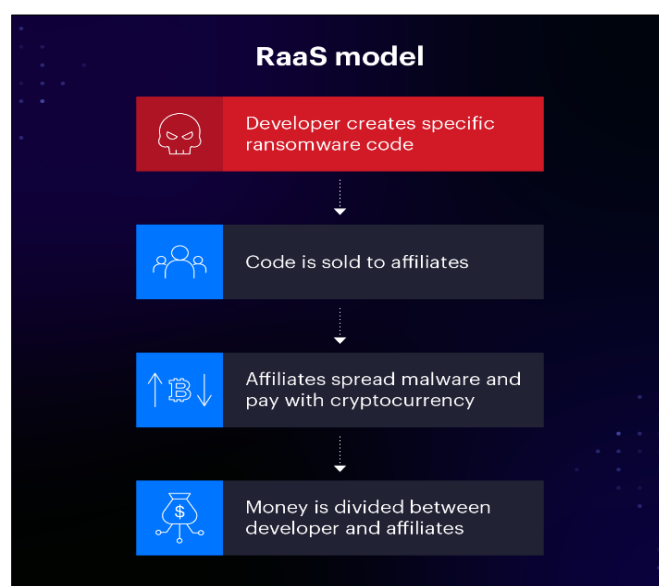


Figure 2 - Basic RaaS model. Source: Varonis.com

(U//FOUO) LOCKBIT Ransomware

- (U//FOUO) LOCKBIT ransomware first emerged in late 2019 and has become a prolific threat in years since. LOCKBIT is a Windows ransomware family capable of encrypting files using an Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)-based multi-threaded encryption algorithm. According to an NCC Group analysis, LOCKBIT may have accounted for 40% of all ransomware attacks in May. LOCKBIT has been marketed as part of a RaaS model in underground forums by the Russian-speaking actor "LockBit" since Jan. 17, 2020.
- (U//FOUO) Like many other ransomware actors, the LOCKBIT affiliates conduct multifaceted extortion—they exfiltrate victim data, deploy LOCKBIT ransomware, and threaten to publish the stolen data as a mechanism for pressuring victims into paying the ransom. They are known to attack all business sectors, but primarily target construction and engineering, legal and professional services, manufacturing, and retail sectors. This target profile

aligns with other major ransomware actors. LOCKBIT increasingly acts more akin to a traditional business than a criminal enterprise. For example, in June security researchers revealed that LOCKBIT introduced a bug bounty program, in which they pay researchers to reveal flaws in their own code, a practice typically reserved for large technology organizations like Apple and Google.

(U//FOUO) ALPHV Ransomware

- (U//FOUO) First advertised in December, 2021, ALPHV ransomware, also referred to as BLACKCAT, operates using a RaaS model in which partners deploy the ransomware on systems they infect. The primary CTA associated with developing and managing the malware itself is a likely Russia based outfit based on its targeted regions, source languages, and tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs). ALPHV is unique in that it is written in the Rust programming language and has several observed overlaps with the BLACKMATTER and DARKSIDE groups, two organizations known to aggressively target critical infrastructure.

(U//NP) Schools, local governments, manufacturing, and legal services remain the primary targets of ransomware. Their attractiveness to ransomware CTAs is likely a combination of the sensitive data they hold, requirement to provide timely services, and legacy and unpatched infrastructure. A recent Comparitech report revealed that 67 individual ransomware attacks affected 954 schools and colleges in the United States in 2021, delaying school for hundreds of thousands of students after a tumultuous year and costing up to \$3.56 billion in ransom and remediation fees. The IBM Security Team estimates that a ransomware breach now costs organizations an average of \$4.62 million when factoring in remediation, lost business, and escalation costs.

(U//NP) Notable Incidents Q2 2022

- (U//NP) In April, a major ransomware attack attributed to the Russian CTA Conti crippled essential services of the Government of Costa Rica. Officials say that international trade ground to a halt and more than 30,000 medical appointments had to be rescheduled, while tax payments were also disrupted. Millions were lost due to the attacks, and staff at affected organizations have turned to pen and paper to get things done. A follow-on attack in May crippled the Costa Rican health care system. These two incidents mark one of the first times a ransomware group has explicitly targeted a nation's government, and during the process Conti uncharacteristically called for the Costa Rican government to be overthrown.
- (U//NP) In June, hackers allegedly tied to the North Korean "Lazarus" threat actor group stole \$100 million worth of cryptocurrency from Horizon, a so-called block chain bridge that allows users to transfer tokens from one blockchain to another. Researchers indicated they became a prime target due to vulnerabilities in their underlying code.
- (U//NP) In May, SpiceJet airline revealed that it had experienced a ransomware attack that impacted "some of its systems" and caused delays. The company claimed that their IT team thwarted the attack, but numerous reports from social media claimed passengers were grounded and internal systems bogged down for days later.

(U//FOUO) Business Email Compromise (BEC) and Other Data Theft

(U//NP) As with ransomware, BEC continues to plague U.S. businesses and residents. In a BEC, criminals send an email message that appears to come from a known source making a legitimate request. For example, CTAs may pose as a vendor with which a company regularly does business and send an "updated" invoice or fraudulent wire account information to steal what the company believes is a legitimate vendor account. CTAs typically carry out BECs in one of three ways:

- (U//NP) Spoof an email account or website with slight variations on a legitimate address to fool victims. For example to john.doe@examplecompany.com to john.doe@exampelcompany.com.
- (U//NP) Send spear-phishing emails that look like they're from a trusted sender to reveal confidential information, such as calendars, company accounts, and other data.

(U//FOUO) MBHSR BEC Stats

- *From April 1 to June 30, 2022, 33 unique BEC complaints were submitted to the IC3.*
- *The City of Boston saw 15 of these complaints*
- *Total victim losses amounted to over \$1.6 million for the period*

Figure 3 - BEC Stats for MBHSR. Source: IC3.gov

- (U//NP) Use malware to infiltrate company networks and gain access to legitimate email threads, billing and invoices. They may also gain undetected access to victim data.

(U//NP) BECs have become more common over the past three years and cybercriminals have learned how to make their fraud more convincing. Victims often notice only weeks or months after the fact that they transferred funds to criminally held accounts instead of legitimate ones. The U.S. Secret Service and the FBI have the ability to claw back or stop fraudulent wire fraud if victims report these transactions and federal law enforcement intervenes within 48 hours. Law enforcement at all levels should advise BEC victims to file a police report, and **simultaneously and immediately file a BEC complaint at the Internet Crime Compliant Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov to engage federal law enforcement** to have a chance at stopping fraudulent transactions.

(U//NP) Ukraine War

(U//NP) At the start of Russia's war against Ukraine in February, many information security and intelligence experts [predicted Russia would launch a campaign of cyberattacks](#) against not only Ukraine, but other nation states and entities the Russian Government perceived as hostile to its interests. While according to Ukraine's top cybersecurity official Russian backed groups have launched nearly 800 cyberattacks against Ukraine at a high operational tempo (three times more than the same period last year), few attacks have caused the significant economic damage that Western intelligence officials feared, either to Ukraine or against the U.S. and NATO allies. Most cyberattacks appear to have had little more than a psychological effect.



Figure 4 - Source: Recorded Future

(U//FOUO) Contrary to expectations, Russian cyber operations have been relatively unsophisticated. Russian aligned APTs and criminal groups have reused or reworked common malware, such as Emotet, TrickBot, and Qakbot, as oppose to redesigning malware from scratch. Russian backed groups engaged in destructive cyberattacks early in the campaign with so-called "wiper malware" [WhisperGate](#) and [HermeticWiper](#) targeting critical infrastructure. Yet these groups have not successfully conducted any new publicly disclosed wiper campaign [since early April](#) according to the Cyber Peace Institute. Distributed denial of service attacks (DDoS), disinformation and data theft are still rampant, but these types of attacks are more of a nuisance than anything else and Ukrainian entities appear to quickly recover.

(U//NP) The pace of Russia-aligned CTAs' attacks against U.S. targets, particularly critical infrastructure, has not accelerated since the start of the Ukraine war. U.S. and NATO allies crossed many of the Russian Government's public stated "red lines" in supporting Ukraine, but retaliatory cyberattacks have not materialized in any meaningful fashion. Some proffered reasons for this include:

- (U//NP) Russia may not have a reserve cyber capability and U.S. analysts may have overestimated their capabilities, especially as Eastern European criminal groups [splintered over the war](#).
- (U//NP) Cyberattacks, including destructive ones, may have a high psychological but low economic impact on their targets. There is little evidence that cyberattacks caused significant damage to Ukraine's political, economic, and social interests.
- (U//NP) Russia's cyber talent and perceived glut of hackers may be experiencing burnout or are fleeing the country in response to global condemnation of Russia's actions and economic recession.

(U//NP) While the effect of Russian cyberattacks has so far fallen short, the Ukraine conflict is remarkable in that it has spurred activity from numerous of non-state actors. Ukraine has engaged a [volunteer cyber army](#) to launch DDoS attacks and information campaigns against Russian entities. Belarusian Cyber Partisans, a Belarussian dissident group, has [claimed responsibility for several attacks](#), including one that debilitated the Belarussian railway system halting Russian troop

movements. Russian backed criminal groups have launched their own attacks against Ukrainian and Western targets. Based on this activity, we assess with high confidence that non-state actors will play a major role in future geopolitical struggles, up to and including launching disruptive attacks on critical infrastructure.

(U//NP) UPCOMING SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(U//NP) The BRIC has no credible information to suggest a specific threat to any of the events mentioned below. The BRIC continually works with federal partners to identify specific threats to events in the MBHSR, and the BRIC will report out if any threats are identified relative to an event occurring within the MBHSR.

Law enforcement and private sector partners should note that the BRIC does not monitor or comment on protests and activities protected by the First Amendment, absent evidence of criminal nexus or public safety implications.

District	Event	Venue	Date
D4	MBA Summer Conference	Hynes Convention Center	7/20/2022
C6	2022 ISCS New England	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	7/20/2022 -7/21/2022
D4	Boston Landmarks Orchestra Concert	Hatch Memorial Shell	7/20/2022 at 7:00 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Blue Jays	Fenway Park	7/22/2022 at 7:10 PM
C6	Amazon Web Services Inforce 2022	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	7/23/2022 – 7/27/2022
B3	Scoops and Hoops Basketball Tournament	Ryan's Playground 350 River St	7/23/2022 at 10:00 AM
D4	Red Sox vs Blue Jays	Fenway Park	7/23/2022 at 4:10 PM
C6	Boston Triathlon	Carson Beach	7/24/2022 at 7:00 AM
D4	Red Sox vs Blue Jays	Fenway Park	7/24/2022 at 1:35 PM
B2	Neighborhood Concert: Conscious Reggae	Horatio Harris Park, Roxbury	7/25/2022 at 7:00 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Guardians	Fenway Park	7/25/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Guardians	Fenway Park	7/26/2022 at 7:10 PM
E5	Neighborhood Concert: Conscious Reggae	Fallon Field, Roslindale	7/27/2022 at 7:00 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Guardians	Fenway Park	7/28/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Brewers	Fenway Park	7/29/2022 at 7:10 PM

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D4	2022 Run to Home Base 9K/5K presented by Raytheon Technologies	Fenway Park	7/30/2022 at 7:00 AM
D4	Red Sox vs Brewers	Fenway Park	7/30/2022 at 4:10 PM
A1	St. Joseph Procession	St. Joseph Club 467 Hanover St.	7/31/2022 at 1:00 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Brewers	Fenway Park	7/31/2022 at 1:35 PM
C6	Mirion Technologies Meeting	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	8/1/2022
E13	Mayor Wu's Movie Night	Jamaica Pond - Pinebank	8/2/2022 at 7:45 PM
B3	Neighborhood Concert: Angelena Hightower	Hunt Almont Park, Mattapan	8/3/2022 at 7:00 PM
A1	108th Annual St. Agrippina's Feast	459 Hanover St	8/4/2022 at 7:00 PM
B2	Boston Open Streets	Blue Hill Ave	8/6/2022 at 9:00 AM
C6	Boston Seafood Festival 2022	Boston Fish Pier	8/7/2022 at 11:00 AM
B2	Gospelfest Concert	Playstead Field, Franklin Park	8/7/2022 at 5:00 PM
B2	Neighborhood Concert: Jazz at the Fort	Highland Park, Roxbury	8/7/2022 at 5:00 PM
D4	Neighborhood Concert: Divas with a Twist	Blackstone Square, South End	8/8/2022 at 7:00 PM
E5	Mayor Wu's Movie Night	Healy Playground, Roslindale	8/9/2022 at 7:45 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Braves	Fenway Park	8/9/2022 at 7:10 PM
E5	Neighborhood Concert: Rebels	Billings Field, West Roxbury	8/10/2022 at 7:00 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Braves	Fenway Park	8/10/2022 at 7:10 PM
C6	ALKU Annual Meeting	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	8/11/2022
D4	Red Sox vs Orioles	Fenway Park	8/11/2022 at 7:10 PM
C6	Fan Expo	415 Summer st	8/12/2022 to 8/14/2022
A1	Madonna Della Cava Feast	Hanover St / Battery St	8/12/2022 to 8/14/2022
D4	Red Sox vs Yankees	Fenway Park	8/12/2022 at 7:10 PM

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D4	Red Sox vs Yankees	Fenway Park	8/13/2022 at 7:15 PM
A1	52nd Chinatown August Moon Festival	Chinatown Gate	8/14/2022 at 10:00 AM
D4	Red Sox vs Yankees	Fenway Park	8/14/2022 at 7:08 PM
A7	Mayor Wu's Movie Night	Memorial Park, East Boston	8/15/2022 at 7:45 PM
C6	2022 CMS National Provider Enrollment Conference	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	8/16/2022 – 8/17/2022
D4	Hult Business School Commencement 2022	Hynes Convention Center	8/16/2022
B2	Children's Summer Festival	Franklin Park Playstead	8/16/2022 at 10:00 AM
C11	Mayor Wu's Movie Night	Ronan Park, Dorchester	8/16/2022 at 7:45 PM
D4	The NE Materials Show	Hynes Convention Center	8/17/2022 - 8/18/2022
B2	Mayor Wu's Movie Night	Marcella Playground, Roxbury	8/17/2022 at 7:45 PM
A1	Fisherman's Feast of the Madonna Del Soccorso di Sciacca	Various Locations in the North End	8/18/2022 to 8/21/2022
A1	Boston GreenFest	Rose Kennedy Greenway	8/19/2022 at 12:00 PM
A15	Film screening on the USS Constitution	USS Constitution 93 Chelsea St	8/20/2022 at 7:00 PM
C6	National Institute for Governmental Purchasing Annual Forum & Products Expo 2022	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	8/21/2022 – 8/22/2022
E18	Mayor Wu's Movie Night	Iacono Playground, Hyde Park	8/22/2022 at 7:45 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Blue Jays	Fenway Park	8/23/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Blue Jays	Fenway Park	8/24/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	Society of American Archivists 86th Annual Meeting 2022	Hynes Convention Center	8/25/2022 – 8/27/2022
A1	St. Lucy's (Santa Lucia) Feast	Endicott St / Thacher St	8/25/2022 at 5:00 PM
A1	103rd Saint Anthony's Feast Weekend	Saint Anthony's Club	8/25/2022 to 8/28/2022
A15	Mayor Wu's Movie Night	Winthrop Square/Training Field, Charlestown	8/25/2022 at 7:45 PM

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D4	Red Sox vs Blue Jays	Fenway Park	8/25/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Rays	Fenway Park	8/26/2022 at 7:10 PM
B2	Jouvert Carnival Parade	Blue Hill Ave	8/27/2022 at 5:00 AM
A1	African Festival of Boston	Boston Common	8/27/2022 at 9:00 AM
B2	49th Annual Boston Carnival Parade	Franklin Park	8/27/2022 at 1:00 PM
D4	Boston Annual Ukrainian Festival & Independence Day	270 Bay State Rd	8/27/2022 at 2:00 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Rays	Fenway Park	8/27/2022 at 4:10 PM
C6	National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Inc Total Store EXPO 2022	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	8/28/2022 – 8/29/2022
D4	Red Sox vs Rays	Fenway Park	8/28/2022 at TBD
D4	National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Inc Total Store EXPO 2022	Hynes Convention Center	8/29/2022 – 8/30/2022
D14	Mayor Wu's Movie Night	Hardiman Playground, Brighton	8/29/2022 at 7:45 PM
C6	Mayor Wu's Movie Night	Moakley Park, South Boston	8/30/2022 at 7:45 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Rangers	Fenway Park	9/1/2022 at 7:10 PM
A1	Mayor Wu's Movie Night	Boston Common Parade Ground	9/1/2022 at 7:45 PM
C6	Illuminate the Harbor Fireworks Celebration	Boston Harbor	9/2/2022 at 8:00 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Rangers	Fenway Park	9/2/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Rangers	Fenway Park	9/3/2022 at 4:10 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Rangers	Fenway Park	9/4/2022 at 1:35 PM
D4	NACTO Designing Cities Conference	Hynes Convention Center	9/7/2022 – 9/9/2022
A15	Film screening on the USS Constitution	USS Constitution	9/9/2022 at 6:30 PM
A1	Boston Arts Festival	Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park	9/10/2022 at 11:00 AM

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C6	American Society for Healthcare Risk Management Annual Conference 2022	Hynes Convention Center	9/11/2022 – 9/13/2022
A15	September 11th Commemoration	Charlestown Navy Yard	9/11/2022 at 9:00 AM
A1	Santa Rosalia di Palermo	North Square	9/11/2022 at 1:00 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Yankees	Fenway Park	9/13/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Yankees	Fenway Park	9/14/2022 at 7:10 PM
C6	Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics Conference (TCT 2022)	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	9/16/2022 – 9/19/2022
D4	Red Sox vs Royals	Fenway Park	9/16/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	BU Global Music Festival	BU Beach and other BU locations.	9/17/2022 at 9:00 AM
A1	Boston Freedom Rally 2022	Boston Common	9/17/2022 at 12:00 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Royals	Fenway Park	9/17/2022 at 4:10 PM
A1	2022 Boston Local Food Festival	Rose Kennedy Greenway	9/18/2022 at 11:00 AM
D4	Red Sox vs Royals	Fenway Park	9/18/2022 at 1:35 PM
D4	Boston Tattoo Convention	Hynes Convention Center	9/23/2022 – 9/25/2022
C6	Massachusetts Black Expo	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	9/23/2022 – 9/24/2022
D4	BAC / IMI International Apprentice Contest	Hynes Convention Center	9/24/2022
C11	Open Streets Boston	Dorchester Ave	9/24/2022 at 9:00 AM
D4	Red Sox vs Orioles	Fenway Park	9/26/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Orioles	Fenway Park	9/27/2022 at 7:10 PM
C6	BIOMEDevice 2022	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	9/28/2022 – 9/30/2022
C6	Biotech Week Boston 2022	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	9/28/2022 – 9/29/2022
D4	Red Sox vs Orioles	Fenway Park	9/28/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	American Society for Surgery of the Hand Annual Meeting 2022	Hynes Convention Center	9/29/2022 – 10/1/2022

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D4	Red Sox vs Orioles	Fenway Park	9/29/2022 at 1:35 PM
C6	Harpoon Oktoberfest	306 Northern Ave	9/30/2022 at 9:00 AM
D4	Red Sox vs Rays	Fenway Park	10/3/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Rays	Fenway Park	10/4/2022 at 7:10 PM
D4	Red Sox vs Rays	Fenway Park	10/5/2022 at 4:10 PM
Citywide	Honk Festival	Multiple Locations	10/7/2022 – 10/9/2022
A7	2022 Columbus Day Parade	1233 Bennington St	10/9/2022
C6	MGMA 2022 Annual Conference	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	10/9/2022 – 10/11/2022
D4	National Pest Management Association - PestWorld 2022	Hynes Convention Center	10/11/2022 – 10/13/2022
D4	The Vision Show 2022	Hynes Convention Center	10/11/2022 – 10/13/2022
C6	CHAPA Annual Dinner	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	10/12/2022
C6	United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley Real Estate Breakfast 2022	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	10/13/2022
C6	HYROX - The World Series of Fitness	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	10/15/2022
D4	Veeva Systems R&D Summit 2022	Hynes Convention Center	10/17/2022 – 10/19/2022
C6	American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Annual Meeting 2022	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	10/17/2022 – 10/19/2022
C6	Women in Tech, Boston	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	10/20/2022 – 10/21/2022
Citywide	Head of the Charles Regatta	Multiple Locations	10/21/2022 – 10/23/2022
D4	College of Professional Studies 2022 Faculty Development Conference	Hynes Convention Center	10/21/2022
D4	Boston National Portfolio Day 2022	Hynes Convention Center	10/23/2022
B2	Mayor's Cup Cross-Country Race	Franklin Park	10/23/2022 at 8:00 AM

District	Event	Venue	Date
C6	AdvaMed The MedTech Conference 2022	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	10/24/2022 – 10/26/2022
D4	American Osteopathic Association OMED 2022	Hynes Convention Center	10/27/2022 – 10/29/2022
C6	American Society of Plastic Surgeons - Plastic Surgery 2022	Boston Convention and Exhibition Center	10/28/2022 – 10/30/2022
D4	Boston Book Festival	Copley Square	10/29/2022 at 8:00 AM

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