

## Situational Awareness

### “Occupy Boston” Action—**UPDATE 23**

### 18 October 2011

(U//FOUO) It should be noted that some of this information describes first amendment protected activities. The BRIC recognizes that Americans have constitutionally protected rights to assemble, speak, and petition the government. The BRIC safeguards these rights and only reports on first amendment protected activities for operational planning in the interest of assuring the safety and security of the demonstrators and the public.

The Occupy Boston (OB) action has been in place since Friday, 30 September 2011 at approximately 6:00 PM. Since that time the BRIC has learned the following from publicly available open sources as well as uniformed Boston Police Personnel in the area:

The following information is being provided for awareness due to the potential for these events to result in increased crowds or traffic conditions.

#### Events Scheduled to Occur Today Tuesday 18 October 2011<sup>i</sup>

- 5:30 PM, 18 October 2011: Women’s Caucus Meeting. Occurring near the Occupy Boston media tent. (Occupy Boston)
- 6:00 PM, 18 October 2011: Concert: Jeff Rowe. (Occupy Boston)
- 6:00 PM, 18 October 2011: Demonstration: “Occupy Boston, Not Palestine” occurring at Dewey Sq. and sponsored by Jewish Women for Justice in Israel / Palestine. (Occupy Boston)
- 7:00 PM, 18 October 2011: General Assembly, Dewey Sq. (Occupy Boston)
- 7:00 – 9:00 PM, 18 October 2011: AL Presents: Occupy or Not? Alianza Latina from BU is holding a discussion on the “Occupy Together” movement at the Academy Room in George Sherman Union building at 775 Commonwealth Ave. **As of 4:15 PM on 18 October 2011, 40 are attending, 34 maybes, and 331 awaiting reply.**<sup>ii</sup>

#### Events Scheduled to Occur Wednesday 19 October 2011<sup>iii</sup>

- 12:30 PM, 19 October 2011: Concert: Colin Leeds. Occurring at the Plaza stage outside the entrance to the Dewey Sq. encampment. (Occupy Boston)
- 1:00 PM, 19 October 2011: Lecture by Richard Colbath: The Practice of Non-Violence and Civil Disobedience at the Dewey Sq. encampment. (Occupy Boston)<sup>iv</sup>
- 3:00 PM, 19 October 2011: Lecture by Guardian journalist Jonathan Steele: Afghanistan: Why Obama Must Change Course. (Occupy Boston)
- **4:00 PM, 19 October 2011: The Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts AFL-CIO, will hold a rally at Dewey Square. The rally is in support of the Obama jobs proposal to put firefighters, police officer and teachers back to work and occupy Boston. The firefighters will have a pickup truck with a sound system and have a speaking program which is expected to last an hour. No march is planned. This is supposed to be in**

conjunction with other firefighter rallies around the country. Organizers are hoping for a turnout of 500 participants.

- 4:00 PM, 19 October 2011: Lecture by Arthur MacEwan (UMass Boston): The Economic Crisis: How Can We Fix Things? (Occupy Boston)
- 5:00 PM, 19 October 2011: Lecture by Kade Finnoff (UMass Boston): 10 Phony Facts about the US Economy: Keeping It Real for the 99 (Occupy Boston)
- 5:30 PM, 19 October 2011: Ecumenical Christian Communion. Occurring at the “big wall” at Dewey Sq. (Occupy Boston)
- 6:15 PM, 19 October 2011: Open Forum with Professor Noam Chomsky. Open question and answer discussion. (Occupy Boston)
- 7:00 PM, 19 October 2011: General Assembly, Dewey Sq. (Occupy Boston)
- 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, 19 October 2011: BC is hosting a lecture on the BC campus entitled “#occupywallstreet: The Liberal Tea Party?” It is sponsored by Americans for Informed Democracy and features two professors, as well as a tea part representative and an Occupy Boston representative. <sup>v</sup> As of 4: 15 PM on 18 October 2011, 63 are attending, 20 maybes, and 216 awaiting reply. <sup>vi</sup>
- 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM, 19 Wednesday 2011: Tufts Occupiers will be holding a meeting at the East Hall Lounge. <sup>vii</sup> (Occupy Boston)

## Events Scheduled to Occur Thursday 20 October 2011<sup>viii</sup>

- 5:30 PM, 20 October 2011: Bill McKibben, climate activist and organizer of 350.org arrives at the Occupy Boston encampment. (Occupy Boston)
- 6:00 PM, 20 October 2011: Concert: Ryan Lee Crosby at Dewey Sq. (Occupy Boston) <sup>ix</sup>
- 6:00 PM, 20 October 2011: Lecture: Elite Control Over U.S., Lesson from Vietnam to Today. Hosted by Professor Gary Leupp of Tufts University, frequent contributor to Counterpunch.org. (Occupy Boston)
- 7:00 PM, 20 October 2011: General Assembly, Dewey Sq. (Occupy Boston)
- 9:00 PM, 20 October 2011: Students Occupy Boston, Meeting #7, occurring in Dewey Sq. <sup>x</sup> (Students Occupy Boston) Hosted / facilitated by Boston College.

## Events Scheduled to Occur Weekend of 21 October 2011

- 6:00 PM, 21 October 2011, Occupy the Hood’s first action will be a community speak out / rally held at Dudley Square on the Dudley Plaza. <sup>xi</sup> This event is now listed on Occupy Boston’s main calendar. <sup>xii</sup>
- 2:00 PM, 22 October 2011, (Uncorroborated): Protest against Occupy Boston at Dewey Square.
- Publically available Twitter comments today mentioned a possible march on Saturday 22 October 2011. A link to a Facebook event page was posted with the tweet. The event is “March with Occupy Boston – KEEP UP THE PRESSURE, this Saturday!” Saturday, 22 October 2011 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM the Direct Action Working Group will be heading this march. It is noted in the information section of this event that the 1:00 PM time is made-up and the exact details (time / location) for this event have not been finalized. <sup>xiii</sup>

*Analyst Notes: Saturday, 22 October 2011 is also the 16<sup>th</sup> National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality; this is noted on this event page and police brutality associated with the occupy movements is discussed. It should also be noted that there is also an anti-occupy protest tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 22 October. See below for more details.*

## Events Scheduled to Occur Monday, 24 October 2011

- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, 24 October 2011, A Working Class Occupation is scheduled to take place at the “Save our Somerville” banner right outside South Station. People from Somerville have arranged to assemble in solidarity with Occupy Boston and will have speakers. As of 2:30 PM on 18 October 2011 29 people are listed as attending, 9 maybes and 331 awaiting reply on the Facebook event page.<sup>xiv</sup>

- <sup>i</sup> <http://occupyboston.com/>
- <sup>ii</sup> <http://www.facebook.com/groups/BUoccupiesboston#!/event.php?eid=288899714461652>
- <sup>iii</sup> <http://occupyboston.com/>
- <sup>iv</sup> <http://occupybostonglobe.com/2011/10/17/noam-chomsky-at-free-school-university-wednesday/>
- <sup>v</sup> <http://collegesoccupyboston.com/bc/#.Tp1uCXJYDQo>
- <sup>vi</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=246870612032375>
- <sup>vii</sup> <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tufts-Occupiers/292689644091451#!/event.php?eid=294832330528030>
- <sup>viii</sup> <http://occupyboston.com/>
- <sup>ix</sup> <http://occupyboston.com/calendar/>
- <sup>x</sup> <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=221684354560608>
- <sup>xi</sup> <http://blackstonian.com/news/2011/10/occupy-the-hood-boston-event-update-latest-info/>
- <sup>xii</sup> <http://occupyboston.com/calendar/>
- <sup>xiii</sup> <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=176795722406813>
- <sup>xiv</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=152491081514052>

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