

Marathon bomb mourners honor slain MIT officer

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At 2:50 pm today, Massachusetts held for a moment of silence to honor those affected by the recent Boston Marathon bombing and its aftermath.



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MIT honored Sean Collier, 26, the MIT Safety Officer who was slain on Friday night, by holding a memorial service followed by a walk along Vassar St., which culminated in the statewide moment of silence and vigil at the site of a makeshift altar, on which mourners placed flags, flowers, stuffed animals and other items. Mourners used chalk, which had been left in a small dish in front of the altar, to write messages of condolence and thanks on the sidewalk.

According to Tim Rowe, founder of the Cambridge Innovation Center and President of the Kendall Square Association:

it appears that once the images of the perpetrators were released (and presumably the suspects knew that it was only a matter of hours before they were tracked down), they decided to head directly for Kendall Square. Kendall is not the closest T stop to them, nor was our 7-Eleven the closest convenience store. We can only guess at their intent.

Collier was killed in his car shortly thereafter, while on patrol on the border of MIT and Kendall Square.

Contributions may be made to the Sean A. Collier Memorial Fund set up at MIT. The funds are to be awarded to individuals who demonstrate the values of Officer Collier:

<http://alumic.mit.edu/redirect.aspx?linkID=31504&eid=130080>

Funds to aid the victims include:

TUGG (Technology Underwriting Greater Good: <https://www.fundraise.com/technology-supports-victims-of-boston-marathon-bombing>

And to OneBoston fund, set up by Governor Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino.

<http://www.onefundboston.org/>

—Anita M. Harris

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