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Interrupting My Shift: Disaster Preparedness and Response.

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Quote:

“On April 15, 2013, 2 bombs exploded at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, wounding more than 260 and killing people. “The explosions took place at 2:50 P.M., twelve seconds apart. Medical personnel manning the runners’ first-aid tent swiftly converted it into a mass-casualty triage unit. Emergency medical teams mobilized en masse from around the city, resuscitated the injured, and somehow dispersed them to eight different hospitals in minutes, despite chaos and snarled traffic.” This citywide coordination was a result of long-term planning, a shared understanding of responsibility, and a well-executed use of medical volunteers who supported previous events.”