

## MEDIA BUS TRANSPORTATION & LEAD VEHICLE INFORMATION

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please be aware that this year's race starts earlier than previous years. The first race (Men's Wheelchair Division) begins at 8:02 a.m. A complete list of start times can be found within this document.

## Media Transportation to the Start

- On race morning, designated media buses will depart from the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel (Trinity Place) promptly at 5:30 a.m. ET. If you have been assigned a spot on one of the lead press vehicles, you are strongly encouraged to take this bus.
- The Media Bus will drop media off at Hopkinton Fire Station (Main Street) at approximately 6:30 a.m.
- Upon arriving in Hopkinton, media members riding on lead vehicles will be escorted to Ray Street, where the lead vehicle staging is located (more information below).
- Media members wishing to view the starts and return to Boston may ride the return media bus, which departs from the Hopkinton Police Station (Main Street) at 9:20 a.m., 20 minutes after the rolling start begins. Please note this is the only return bus to Boston. If you miss this bus, you have to find your own way back to Boston. Media taking this bus will not make it back to Boston in time to see the wheelchair division finishes. The return bus will drop media off at Dartmouth Street/Trinity Place at approximately 10:20 a.m.
- There is *very* limited media parking in Hopkinton reserved for designated television trucks only.

## Lead Vehicle Information

- Media who have been credentialed for one of the men's and women's open division lead vehicles must be at the Ray Street staging area by 8:00 a.m. and aboard all vehicles by 8:20 a.m.
- If you are not aboard the lead vehicle by the time the vehicle starts moving, you will be left behind. Please allow plenty of time to arrive, pass through security, and get situated on the lead vehicles.
- B.A.A. media liaisons Peter Brown (617-275-1834) and Lars Dietrich (617-320-6777) will be in Hopkinton and aboard men's and women's open division press vehicles assisting with any needs you may have.
- The lead vehicles do not make any stops along the course. Please keep this in mind as you plan your morning.
- Photographers have priority on the lead vehicles. Please note that split times are available through a link on <u>www.baa.org</u> which will be provided to media members upon request.
- If you have any questions or no longer plan to be on the lead vehicles, please let a member of the B.A.A. Communications team know and send an email to media@baa.org as soon as possible.

125 <sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon Start Times	
<b>Division/Program</b>	Start Time
Men's Wheelchair	8:02 a.m. ET
Women's Wheelchair	8:05 a.m. ET
Handcycles & Duos	8:30 a.m. ET
Professional Men	8:37 a.m. ET
Professional Women	8:45 a.m. ET
Para Athletics Division	8:50 a.m. ET
Rolling start begins	9:00 a.m. ET