

Newton man wounded in NYC terror attack

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A Newton man was severely wounded in Tuesday's terrorist attack near the World Trade Center in New York City.

City Councilor James Cote said Martin Marro, who lives on Beacon Street in Chestnut Hill, was wounded in the attack that killed at least eight people and injured several others when a truck careened down a bike path and into a crowd. Marro, who is originally from Argentina, was in New York to pick up four friends from the South American country who had arrived in the United States, according to Cote. The four Argentinians were reportedly among those killed in the attack, he said.

Cote's wife, Albi, is Argentinian and learned of the incident from Marro's wife, Mariana Dagatti, Cote said. Dagatti arrived in NYC Tuesday to be with her husband in the hospital.

Marro and Dagatti hosted a fundraiser for Cote, a Republican, last week. Gov. Charlie Baker was in attendance at the event and has been notified of the situation, Cote said.

"Their best friends from Argentina were killed," Cote said Tuesday night. "We are obviously shocked and our prayers go out to the family."

Marro is a scientist who works for Novartis Institutes in Cambridge. His wife is an architect. The couple have lived in Newton for about seven years, according to Cote.

Tom Mountain, chairman of the Newton Republican City Committee, described the attack as "a horror show."

"We are absolutely stunned," he said, describing Marro and his wife as "kind, caring and wonderful people."

The suspect, an Uzbek national who reportedly shouted “allahu akbar” after exiting the truck, was shot by police and was hospitalized in custody Tuesday night.

This story is developing. More details as they become available.

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