

Boonville Church Explosion Leaves 5 in Critical Condition

Five people were injured Tuesday morning after an explosion ripped through Abundant Life Fellowship church in Boonville, New York, leaving catastrophic damage and sending multiple firefighters and the church's pastor to the hospital.

The blast happened shortly after 10:23 a.m. on Feb. 17 after people inside the church reported smelling gas, as reported by WKTV News. According to New York State Police, "first responders were dispatched to the church on the 4930 block of St. Rt. 12 at about 10:23 a.m. after people inside smelled gas." A member of the Boonville Fire Department entered the church during the response, and "an explosion happened while they were inside," police said.