

Statement from Nine News:

Our first tip came into the newsroom at 3:34pm from a shopper at Westfield. Within 5 minutes we had confirmation of the attack via the ambulance scanner.

Within 15 minutes of the attack we made the decision to go into rolling coverage and put out a call to all staff who were available to come in.

We had 2 two journos and cameras on the ground outside Westfield, and the chopper overhead within 30 mins of the attack (the helicopter is a 9, 7 and ABC pooled resource but it was dispatched by 9).

After approximately one hour we had 2 additional crews and journos at Randwick Children's Hospital and St Vincent's Hospital, as well as 2 other journos and a producer (2 from ACA) with a mobile phone at Westfield. These staff were all on days off and rushed to the various scenes.

By 5:30pm we had a total of 7 journos and 7 crews in the field, including one outside Waverly Police Station.

In the office we also scrambled the following teams. Most were in the office within an hour of the attack.

- * Sydney Director of News and Executive Producer, A Current Affair.
- * 1 Presenter (in addition to the 1 we already had)
- * 2 Chief of Staff (in addition to the 2 already in the office)
- * 3 Senior Journalists.
- * 7 Producers (from News, ACA and Today)
- * 3 Social Media Producers

We already had a 6pm Executive Producer, Line up Producer and 3 producers who were in the office already, along with a team of editors and graphic artists and social media producers.

The sports team including the presenter dropped everything to help with the rolling coverage.

Even our weather presenter was producing.

In total, we had approximately 20-25 additional staff come in to help the team that were already working.

We did not even have to ask most of these staff. They rang and volunteered to come in or just turned up at work. Two came directly from weddings.