## New Year's Eve Times Square Ball Drop 2016

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Police officers gather at the southern end of Times Square to receive their assignments for New Year's Eve in New York, Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.

Using the website and app EarthCam, you can tune into New Year's Eve events and preparations in dozens of different cities.

As of 1 a.m. (0600 GMT), there were no reports of trouble at the event or any arrests, according to a New York City Police Department spokesman, Sergeant Brendan Ryan. Omri Benzkry, left, kisses his wife, Margarita Gankin, both from Israel, as they ring in the new year at Times Square, Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, in NY.

More than a million people were expected to crowd into New York City's Times Square under heavy security on Thursday to celebrate the arrival of 2016 with the traditional dropping of the New Year's Eve crystal ball.

NY won't be the only place with extra cops and anti-terrorism agents keeping crowds safe: In Pasadena, California, police and feds will keep watch over a popular New Years parade route and the Rose Bowl, which drew 700,000 people last year, the Daily Mail reported. It's nearly like they have their own crystal ball - and they're watching Times Square with it.

About 6,000 uniformed and undercover police officers, 500 more than a year ago, were expected to flood the area. "We have a constant threat analysis stream that we are constantly reviewing".

Extra armed police officers have been drafted onto London's streets tonight over fears of a terror attack. The descent starts at exactly 11:59 p.m. EST (0459 GMT).

"I always wanted to come here but never took the chance", said James Gomez, 39, of New Haven, Conn., as he looked for a prime viewing spot with friends.

Jessie J was scheduled to perform several of her top hits throughout the night and will continue the New Year's Eve tradition of singing John Lennon's "Imagine" moments before midnight.

An estimated 1 million people are expected to be there before midnight, despite a year of headlines about extremist attacks. A live camera feed showed thousands of revelers already assembled in Times Square on the morning of December 31.

Every year, it is estimated that over a million people all flock to the NY area for this celebration, which is typically chaotic. Rochester is about 330 miles northwest of New York City. They'll have radiation detectors, metal detectors, and bomb sniffing dogs.