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Police slow in response to massacre

No helicopter, boat leaves victims waiting 90 minutes

By Ian MacDougall and Louise Nordstrom
Associated Press

OSLO, NORWAY: Police arrived at an island massacre about an hour and a half after a gunman first opened fire, slowed because they didn't have quick access to a helicopter and then couldn't find a boat to make their way to the scene just several hundred yards offshore. The assaultant surrendered when police finally reached him, but 82 people died before that.

Survivors of the Friday shooting spree have described hiding and fleeing into the water to escape the gunman, but a police briefing Saturday detailed for the first time how long the terror lasted — and how long victims waited for help.

The shooting came on the heels of what police called an "Oklahoma City-type" bombing in Oslo's downtown: It targeted a government building, was allegedly perpetrated by a homegrown assailant and used the same mix of fertilizer and fuel that blew up a federal building in the United States in 1995.

In all, at least 92 people were killed in the twin attacks that police are blaming on the same suspect.

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Today's weather

Clouds and sun, a thunderstorm in spots; humid

90° High 71° Low

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Hail to the champions

Twinsburg girl among seven winners at 74th All-American Soap Box Derby

By Jim Mackinnon
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The 2011 All-American Soap Box Derby has a champion from Twinsburg.

Allison Bates, 16, won the Masters Division race Saturday at Derby Downs in Akron.

"This is my first time placing in the All-American," Allison said shortly after winning. "My God, it feels great."

Allison was one of seven champions named in the 74th All-American Soap Box Derby that started out with a rain delay and then took place under a sweltering sun, high humidity and 90-degree temperatures.

She said she didn't know that she was the winner in her division until she pulled to a stop at the end of the track. She is the first Akron-area Masters Division champion since 1999, according to



Allison Bates, 16, of Twinsburg, is thrilled to win the Masters Division at the All-American Soap Box Derby on Saturday in Akron.

veteran race watchers. This was her sixth year competing.

Some of the champions — all but one were girls — looked stunned and cried when they were told they won. Others smiled broadly. They all, including family members and friends, retreated to a sanctuary inside the Rubber Bowl for their initial celebration before going out in public for a short, police-escorted limousine ride to collect trophies and have their pictures taken.

Gabrielle Beville, 11, of Linden, Va., won the Stock Rally division on her first trip to Akron. She said she's been racing for just a year.

"It's just overwhelming. I'm just so happy about the scholarship and everything," she said.

Her late uncle, Steve Beville, who died of brain cancer, raced in the derby in the 1970s. Gabrielle said she carried a piece of her uncle's car, a sticker that read "Big Ed's Speed Shop," taped to the inside of her racer.

"It's just really special to us," Gabrielle said.



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Katelyn Hahn, 10, of South Charleston, W.Va., is mobbed by photographers Saturday afternoon at Derby Downs after winning the Stock Division of the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron.



All-American Soap Box Derby champions (from left) Gabrielle Beville, 11, Meghan Frantz, 16, Daniel Rauli, 13, Sheri Lazowski, 17, Katelyn Hahn, 10, Emily Fox, 13, and Allison Bates, 16, line up on the podium Saturday at Derby Downs in Akron.

"I just think it's amazing," said her mom, Trina Beville. "We were already winners. She's an awesome driver. She's an even more awesome kid. She and her dad built the car. They're really a good team. And that's the beauty I love most about Soap Box Derby: seeing my daughter and my husband work together as a team."

Meghan Frantz, 16, of New Philadelphia, was the Rally Masters champion. She has been racing for six years.

"We came here just hoping to have a good time," she said. "Never really expected to come and win and be in this position now."

The other champions were Katelyn Hahn, 10, of South Charleston, W.Va., Stock Divi-

sion; Emily Fox, 13, of Hancock, Md., Super Stock Division; Daniel Rauli, 13, of East Syracuse, N.Y., Rally Super Stock Division; and Sheri Lazowski, 17, of Aurora, Ill., Ultimate Speed Challenge.

"It's great, the feeling of knowing I'm the best to run this track," Sheri said. Her winning speed this year was 26.585 seconds.

She was also the winning driver in the 2010 Ultimate Speed Challenge with a speed of 26.844 seconds.

Ultimate Speed racers have few limits on design: the goal is to make the fastest race Soap Box Derby race car.

"I don't know if I am coming back," said Sheri, who will be a

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Derby film helps draw 10,000 fans

By David Knox
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All-American Soap Box Derby officials credit the buzz about *25 Hill*, the locally made movie inspired by the race, with drawing a good crowd to Akron's Derby Downs on Saturday despite sweltering temperatures, shirt-drenching humidity and overnight rain.

Derby spokesman Bob Troyer estimated 10,000 people showed up over the daylong schedule of races — "about the same" as last year, he said.

"Obviously, we had a lot of publicity about the movie," he said. "It created a lot of excitement."

DVDs of the movie, directed by and starring Corbin Bernsen, along with film-themed caps and T-shirts, were on sale at Derby Downs. A banner across the table read: "Save the Dream, Save the Tradition, Save the Derby!"

Overhead, the Goodyear blimp sported a sign flashing "See the movie 25 Hill."

Troyer said the boost from
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2011 storms keeping insurance agents busy

Ohio racking up more than \$537 million in damage

By Rick Armon
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When a major, damaging storm rolls through the state, the Ohio Insurance Institute reaches out to its members to assess the severity based on claims and insured losses.

At most, the Columbus-based association usually conducts two to three such surveys each year. But this year, the institute is already on survey No. 6.

"This has just been an unprecedented year in terms of storm systems affecting Ohio," said Mary Bonelli, a spokeswoman for the Ohio Insurance Institute. "It's been a big year. A really heavy duty year for losses. Very unusual."

Those violent storms — ranging from February blizzards to May tornadoes to July thunderstorms — have ravaged homes, businesses and vehicles, and made for extremely

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busy insurance agents. Five of the storms have resulted in an estimated 125,500 claims and between \$537 million and \$615 million in insured losses. [The institute is still gathering feedback on the sixth storm that occurred earlier this month, and that will push the totals even higher.]

More than half those losses — up to \$400 million — came in May, when at least nine tornadoes struck in the state.

Ohio is far from alone. Nationwide, 2011 is now known in the insurance industry as the "Year of the Tornado" because of deadly twisters that swept through Missouri and Alabama. Overall, the industry estimates that there has been more than

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Jennifer Schumacher's basement on Keith Avenue drive flooded twice this year, with the latest storm causing a sewage backup. The family tossed out soiled carpet, paneling, toys and furniture. They were waiting for their insurance agent to give them an estimate of the damage.

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