

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Councilmember Bruce Harrell

DATE: MAY 14, 2015

FROM: Asst. Chief Merner *LMN*

SUBJECT: BIAS CRIME REPORT

Accompanying this memo is the Bias Crime Statistics Report. This report updates our previous report delivered to this committee in October, and includes updated data for the last half of 2014 and evaluates the trends in incidents from 2012 to 2014.

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SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO Chief Kathleen O'Toole
Chief of Police- via Chain of Command

DATE March 2, 2015

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SUBJECT Bias Crime Statistic Trends

	2012	2013	2014
1 st Half	50 Bias Incidents (17) Malicious Harassments (16) Crimes with Bias elements (17) Non-criminal Bias incidents	49 Bias Incidents (13) Malicious Harassments (8) Crimes with Bias elements (28) Non-Criminal Bias incidents	60 Bias Incidents (20) Malicious Harassments (30) Crimes with Bias elements (10) Non-Criminal bias incidents
2 nd Half	50 Bias Incidents (11) Malicious Harassments (23) Crimes with Bias elements (16) Non-Criminal Bias incidents	61 Bias Incidents (20) Malicious Harassments (24) Crimes with Bias elements (17) Non-Criminal Bias incidents	66 Bias Incidents (31) Malicious Harassments (23) Crimes with Bias Elements (12) Bias Incidents

Generally speaking, between the date range 2012 – 2014, Anti-Gay & Lesbian category represents the most frequent bias crime. In the 2nd Half of 2014 Anti-Gay accounted for **24%** of the **54** total reported crimes, Anti-black represents **22%** of the total, while Anti-White represents **19%** of the total.

Overall, no dramatic trends with respect to the types of incidents reported. The data appears to be fairly consistent over time. However, the last 18 months has shown an overall average increase in reporting **(62)** bias incidents per six month period city-wide, in comparison to the prior 18 months which averaged only **(50)** bias incidents per six month period city-wide.

The East Precinct (Capitol Hill) had the highest percentage of incidents of bias crime in the First Half of 2014. However, during the 2nd Half of 2014, the East Precinct experienced an overall drop in reported bias incidents. Their numbers moved from **23** bias incidents or **38%** of the total in the 1st Half of 2014 to **11** bias incidents or **17%** of the total in the 2nd Half of 2014. This represents a **52%** drop in reported bias incidents over the first half of the year. While this drop may be attributed to East Precinct emphasis patrols, year over year numbers are comparable to the 2nd Half of 2013, which had **10** bias incidents or **16%** of the total.

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City-wide bias incidents distribution comparison:

Total	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd
Reported Bias Incidents	Half 2014 (66)	Half 2014 (60)	Half 2013 (61)	Half 2013 (49)	Half 2012 (50)
East Precinct	17%	38%	16%	27%	18%
West Precinct	27%	30%	36%	31%	22%
North Precinct	36%	13%	31%	27%	36%
South Precinct	15%	13%	11%	12%	14%
Southwest Precinct	3%	8%	5%	4%	8%

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TO: Chief Kathleen O'Toole
Chief of Police- via Chain of Command

DATE: 03/02/2015

FROM: Lt. Michael T. Kebba *MTK*
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SUBJECT: Bias Crimes and Bias Incidents Synopsis - (2nd Half 2014 dates 07/01/14-12/31/14)

Overview

During the second half of 2014, **66** bias incidents were reported to the Seattle Police Department. This is 10% higher than the last reporting period which had **60** bias incidents city wide.

Incidents

- ✓ 31 of the incidents were determined to be Malicious Harassment
- ✓ 23 of the incidents were determined to be crimes with bias elements
- ✓ 12 of the incidents were determined to be non-criminal bias incidents

Arrests

- ✓ Of the 31 Malicious Harassment related crimes
 - 9 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime
 - 2 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense
 - 1 case was cleared exceptional due to the victim's family not wanting to prosecute (juvenile).
 - 16 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors pending further information.
 - 3 cases remain open and active
- ✓ Of the 23 crimes with bias elements related incidents
 - 2 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime
 - 7 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense

- 1 case was cleared exceptional- the victim did not want to prosecute
- 13 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors pending further information

Bias Categories

The bias events targeted 11 total groups with the 3 most frequent groups accounting for 65 % of the total bias incidents.

Bias category	Crimes	Non-Criminal Bias Incidents
Gay & Lesbian	13	2
Transgender	2	
Bi-Sexual		
Black	12	6
Homeless	2	
Jewish	4	
Asian/Pacific Islander	6	1
Other Ethnicity (India, Saudi, East Indian)	2	2
Other Religion		
Physical Disability		
Islamic	1	1
Political		
White	10	
Hispanic	1	
Catholic		
Multi Racial Group	1	
Totals	54	12

- The category of Anti-Gay and Lesbian represents 24% percent of the reported criminal incidents.
- The category of Anti-Black represents 22% of the reported criminal incidents.
- The category of Anti-White represents 19% percent of the reported criminal incidents.

- 29% of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 1st watch hours (0400-1200)
- 30% of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 2nd watch hours (1200-2000)
- 41% of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 3rd watch hours (2000-0400)
- City-wide bias incidents distribution: West Precinct 27%, South Precinct 15%, East Precinct 17%, North Precinct 36%, Southwest Precinct 3%

West Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias	Bias Incident
David	D1			
	D2			
	D3	1	1	1
King	K1		2	1
	K2	2	1	
	K3			
Mary	M1			
	M2		1	1
	M3	2		1
Queen	Q1	1		
	Q2			1
	Q3	1	1	
Totals	(18)	7	6	5

- David Sector represents **15%** of the total crimes and **20%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Pct.
 - There was 1 Anti-White **crimes with bias elements**.
 - There was 1 Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander **malicious harassment**.
 - There was 1 Anti-Homosexual **bias incident (non criminal)**.
- King Sector represents **38%** of the total crimes and **20%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Pct.
 - There was 1 Anti-White **crimes with bias elements**.
 - There were 2 Anti-Black **crimes with bias elements**.
 - There was 1 Anti-Other Ethnicity **bias incident**.
 - There were 2 Anti-Homosexual **malicious harassments**.

- Mary Sector represents **23%** of the total crimes and **40%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Pct.
 - There was 1 Anti-Black **bias incident (non criminal)**.
 - There was 1 Anti-Jewish **malicious harassment**.
 - There were 2 Anti-White **malicious harassments**.
 - There was 1 Anti-Asian/Pac Islander **crime with bias elements**.

- Queen Sector represents of the **23%** of the total crimes and **20%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Pct.
 - There was 1 Anti-Black **crime with bias elements**.
 - There was 1 Anti-Black **bias incident (non criminal)**.
 - There was 1 Anti-Other Ethnicity **malicious harassment**.
 - There was 1 Anti-Transgender **malicious harassment**.

South Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias	Bias Incident
Robert	R1			1
	R2		1	1
	R3		4	
Sam	S2	1	1	
	S3	1		
Ocean				
Totals	(10)	2	6	2

- Robert Sector represents **62%** of the total crimes and **100%** non-criminal bias incidents in the South Pct.
 - There was 1 Anti-other ethnicity **bias incident (non criminal)**.
 - There was 1 Anti-Black **bias incident (non criminal)**.
 - There were 2 Anti-Asian/Pac Islander **crimes with bias elements**.
 - There were 2 Anti-Black **crimes with bias elements**.
 - There was 1 Anti-Gay & Lesbian **malicious harassment**.

- Ocean Sector represents **0%** of the total crimes and **0%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Pct.

- Sam Sector represents **38%** of the crimes and **0%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Pct.
 - There was 1 Anti-Homosexual **crime with bias element**.
 - There were 2 Anti-White **malicious harassment crimes**.

East Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias	Bias Incident
Edward	E1	1	1	
	E2	6		
	E3			1
Charlie	C1			
	C2			
George	G1	1		
	G2		1	
	G3			
	G4			
Totals	(11)	8	2	1

- Edward Sector represents 80% of the total crimes and 100% of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Pct.
 - There were 6 Anti-Homosexual **malicious harassment crimes.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Islamic bias **incident (non criminal).**
 - There was 1 Anti-Homeless **crime w/bias element.**
 - There was 1 Anti-White **malicious harassment.**

- Charlie Sector represents 0% of the total crimes and 0% of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Pct.

- George Sector represents 20% of the total crimes and 0% of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Pct.
 - There was 1 Anti-Homosexual **malicious harassment.**
 - There was 1 Anti-White **crime with bias elements.**

North Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias	Bias Incident
Nora	N1		2	
	N2	1		
	N3	2		1
Boy	B1			
	B2		1	
	B3			
Lincoln	L1	1		
	L2			

	L3	1	1	
Union	U1		1	
	U2	2	2	
	U3	2	1	
John	J1			
	J2			2
	J3	3		1
Totals	(24)	12	8	4

- Nora Sector represents **25%** of the total crimes and **25%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Pct.
 - There was 1 Anti-White **malicious harassment.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Black **malicious harassment.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Black **bias incident (non criminal).**
 - There was 1 Anti-Other Ethnicity **malicious harassment.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Black **crime with bias elements.**
 - There was 1 Anti-White **crime with bias elements.**

- Boy Sector represents **1%** of the total crimes and **0 %** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Pct.
 - There was 1 Anti-Jewish **crime with bias elements.**

- Lincoln Sector represents **15%** of the total crimes and **0%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Pct.
 - There was 1 Anti-Jewish **malicious harassment.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Asian Pac Islander **crime with bias elements.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Homeless **malicious harassment.**

- Union Sector represents **40%** of the total crimes and **0%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Pct.
 - There was 1 Anti-Asian/Pac Islander **malicious harassment.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Transgender **malicious harassment.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Homosexual **crime with bias elements.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Multi-Cultural **crime with bias elements.**
 - There were 2 Anti-Black **malicious harassment.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Black **crime with bias elements.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Jewish **crime with bias elements.**

- John Sector represents **15%** of the total crimes and **75%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Pct.
 - There were 2 Anti-Black **bias incidents.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Asian/Pac Islander **bias incident.**
 - There was 1 Anti-Islamic **malicious harassment.**
 - There were 2 Anti-Black **malicious harassments.**

Southwest Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias	Bias Incident
Frank	F1			
	F2			
	F3			
William	W2	1		
	W3			1
Totals	(2)	1		1

- Frank Sector represents **0%** of the total crimes and **0%** of the bias incidents in the Southwest Pct.
 - o There was 1 Anti-Islamic **malicious harassment**.
 - o There was 1 Anti-Black & White **bias incident (non-criminal)**.
 - o There was 1 Anti-Transgender **bias incident (non-criminal)**.

- William Sector represents **100%** of the total crimes and **100 %** of the bias incidents in the Southwest Pct.
 - o There was 1 Anti-Gay **malicious harassment**.
 - o There was 1 Gay & Lesbian **bias incident**.