



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 2010

TO: Annie Carroll
Acting Executive Director, Human Rights Commission

FROM: David M. Rohrer, Colonel
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Police Department Bias Crime Annual Report

REF: Calendar Year 2009

There were 52 bias events reported in Fairfax County in CY09. Sixteen of these were classified as bias incidents (an event motivated by bias that does not violate criminal law) and 36 were classified as bias crimes. This represents a slight decrease in reported bias events when compared to the 58 bias events (16 incidents and 46 crimes) reported in CY08.

Twenty-one of the reported bias crimes were classified as crimes against property, such as destruction of property, and fifteen were classified as crimes against persons. In CY08, there were 21 reported bias crimes against property and 21 reported bias crimes against persons. The reported bias crimes against property remained the same; however, the percentage of bias crimes against persons fell 28.5% in CY09.

The 21 bias crimes against property reported in 2009 are classified as follows:

- Destruction of Property (21)

The 15 bias crimes against persons reported in 2009 are classified as follows:

- Phone Threats (4)
- Assault (2)
- Disorderly Conduct (5)
- Trespassing (1)
- Burglary (2)
- Robbery (1)

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In CY09, there was one significant bias crimes reported in Fairfax County that received public attention. The bias event involved an individual that forced entry into an occupied dwelling while armed with a hand gun. Upon being interviewed, the arrested made derogatory comments about the victims for the reason why he targeted their residence. However, this type of bias is not the norm in Fairfax County and the overall rate of bias incidents in Fairfax County remains low.

The Fairfax County Police Department continues to thoroughly investigate all reported bias events within Fairfax County. Historically, the Fairfax County Police Department closure rate for bias crimes is above the national average and CY09 was no different.

The Fairfax County Police Department continues to train its officers on bias crime and incidents. Fairfax County officers must receive mandatory cultural diversity training bi-annually to maintain their law enforcement certifications. The Fairfax County Police Department continues to actively reach out to all communities in an effort to ensure all individuals receive the same level of service regardless of their race, religious conviction, ethnic/national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact our Bias Crimes Investigations Coordinator, Second Lieutenant David R. Smith.

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Attachment

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2009 Fairfax County Bias Crime and Incident Reports

