



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 15, 2012

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 2011

There were 50 bias events reported in Fairfax County in CY11. Twenty-one of these were classified as bias incidents (an event motivated by bias that does not violate criminal law) and 29 were classified as bias crimes. This was compatible with the number of bias events reported in CY10 (15 incidents and 33 crimes).

Twenty-two of the reported bias crimes were classified as crimes against property, such as destruction of property, and seven were classified as crimes against persons. In CY10, there were 26 reported bias crimes against property and 7 reported bias crimes against persons. The reported bias crimes against property and person have remained consistent for several years. There has been little variation between the number of reported bias events; however, as stated in previous bias reports due to the low number of reported bias events in Fairfax County a slight variation can show drastic increases or decreases in percentages that doesn't accurately depict trends.

The 22 bias crimes against property reported in 2011 are classified as follows:

- Destruction of Property (22)

The 7 bias crimes against persons reported in 2011 are classified as follows:

- Phone Threats (2)
- Computer Threats (2)
- Assault (2)
- Disorderly Conduct (1)

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In CY11, there were no significant bias events. Again, as in previous years, 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 CY11 was no different. This year a Bias Crime Coordinator from Nassau County Police Department contacted us to discuss national trends regarding bias crimes. Nassau County's population is similar to Fairfax County's population; however, Nassau County's Police Department is much larger with over 1000 more sworn officers. According to Nassau County Police Department, they are experiencing the same type of bias events as Fairfax County. Nassau County Police Department's bias crime program and training for their officers mirrors Fairfax County Police County's program.

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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2011 Fairfax County Bias Crime and Incident Reports

