



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 01, 2008

TO: Michael T. Cash, Executive Director
Human Rights Commission

FROM: Colonel David M. Rohrer
Chief of Police

FILE: Police Department Bias Crime Annual Report

SUBJECT: Calendar Year 2007

There were seventy-two bias events reported in Fairfax County in CY 2007. Twenty of these bias events were classified as bias incidents and fifty-two as bias crimes. This is a decrease as compared to seventy-six events (28 incidents and 48 crimes) that were reported in CY 2006.

Thirty-one (59.6%) of the bias crimes were classified as crimes against property such as graffiti and destruction of property cases and twenty-one (40.3%) were classified as crimes against persons. In CY 2006, there was fourteen (33.3%) reported bias crimes against persons. This is a 7 percent increase of bias crimes against person in CY 2007; however, due to the relative low number of reported incidents this increase was insignificant.

The bias crimes against persons reported in 2007 are classified as follows:

- Phone Threats (8)
- Disorderly Conduct (6)
- Assault (4)
- Robbery (1)
- Brandishing (1)
- Malicious Wounding(1)

During the CY 2007, no significant bias incidents received public attention in CY 2007. However, all reported bias incidents were thoroughly investigated by the Fairfax County Police Department. The Fairfax County Police Department closed fourteen of this year's bias crimes by arrest or exceptional means. This constituted a 26.9% closure rate for Bias Crimes in CY 2007.

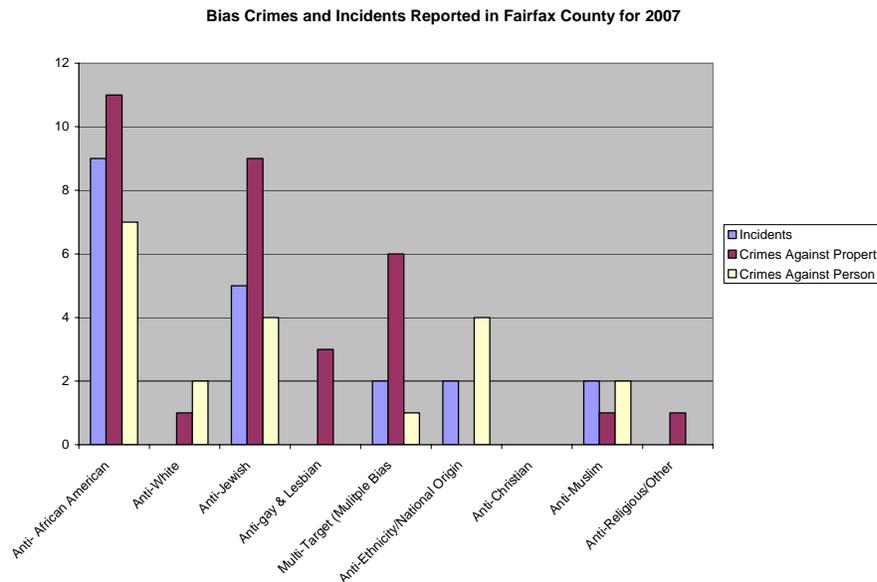
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The overall rate of bias incidents that occur in Fairfax County has been historically low and this trend continued in CY 2007. Due to the small number of reported incidents, it is therefore difficult to ascertain trends or patterns of bias crimes within Fairfax County. Though no patterns can be predicated, it is still apparent that the majority of the reported hate related incidents committed in Fairfax County were destruction of property and graffiti cases that are committed by juveniles. This is a trend that has been evident since our agency has documented hate related incidents.

The Fairfax County Police Department continues to train its officers on bias crime and incidents. In CY 2007, Fairfax County Officers received cultural diversity training. This training was mandatory and a requirement for Fairfax County Officers to complete their bi-annual re-certifications. The Fairfax County Police Department continues to investigate bias crimes thoroughly and actively reaches 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 at (703) 246-2289.



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