

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Carmen Best
Chief of Police- via Chain of Command

DATE: July 31, 2018

FROM: Detective Elizabeth Wareing
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SUBJECT: Bias Crimes and Bias Incidents Synopsis - (1st Half 2018 dates 01/01/18-06/30/18)

Overview

During the first half of 2018, **244** criminal and non-criminal bias based incidents were reported to the Seattle Police Department. This compares to **178** bias based incidents reported in the first half of 2017. This reflects a 37% (+67) increase of bias based incidents, city-wide.

During the first half of 2018, **Malicious harassment cases decreased by 6 (-8%)**, the category of **crimes with bias elements increased by 34 (+52%)**, and **non-criminal bias incidents increased by 35 (+73%)** from the same reporting period in 2017.

Reported **anti-LGBTQ** malicious harassment cases numbered 25 during the first half of 2017, and decreased to 20 during the first half of 2018. Anti-LGBTQ crimes with bias elements numbered 32 in 2018, down from 45 in 2017. Non-criminal bias incidents also fell from 30 in 2017 to 19 in 2018.

Reported **anti-Black** malicious harassment cases numbered 12 during the first half of 2017, and increased by one to 13 during the first half of 2018. Reported anti-Black crimes with bias elements increased from 23 reported incidents during the first half of 2017 to 31 during the first half of 2018.

The majority of reported incidents occurred during **second watch hours**, followed by **third** and **first watches**.

West Precinct had the most incidents, accounting for 31% (76) of the total number city wide, followed by **North Precinct** at 28% (67) and **East Precinct** at 22% (54). **South Precinct** reported 12% (30) of the incidents, followed by **Southwest Precinct** at 7% (17).

Incidents

- ✓ 56 were determined to be Malicious Harassment
- ✓ 105 of the incidents were determined to be crimes with bias elements
- ✓ 83 of the incidents were determined to be non-criminal bias incidents

Arrests

56 total cases resulted in an arrest in 17 malicious harassment cases:

- 6 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime
- 10 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense
- 1 case was cleared exceptional- the victim did not want to press charges when contacted after an arrest was made
- 34 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors
- 5 cases remain open and under investigation

105 total cases resulted in an arrest in 43 crimes with bias elements cases:

- 5 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime
- 43 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense
- 1 case was cleared exceptional- the victim did not want to press charges
- 49 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors
- 7 cases remain open and under investigation

Bias Categories

Perpetrators in bias-based events targeted 21 total groups with the two most frequently reporting groups, anti-black and anti-gay/lesbian, accounting for 54% of the total number of bias based incidents.

Bias category	Malicious Harassment	Crimes with Bias Elements	Non-Criminal Bias Incidents
Black	13	31	35
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual	16	30	14
White	5	12	5
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	4	9	6
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	7	7
Hispanic/Latino	4	5	4
Jewish	4	3	3
Transgender	2	3	5
Homeless	2	2	3
Political Ideology	2	2	1
Female	0	1	3
Islamic	0	3	0
Arab	0	0	2
Gender Non-Conforming	2	0	0
Hindu	1	1	0
Sikh	0	0	1
Jehovah's Witness	0	0	1
Catholic	1	0	0
Physical Disability	0	1	0
Mental Disability	0	1	0
Other Christian	1	0	0
Totals	58	111	90

*14 incidents included bias elements in more than one category. These numbers reference the number of incidents for each category represented. The total number of discrete incidents was 244. Categories in which no incidents were reported were not included in this table.

- The category of Anti-Black represents **31%** of the total reported incidents.
- The category of Anti-Gay and Lesbian represents **23%** percent of the incidents.
- **27%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 1st watch hours (0300-1159)
- **42%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 2nd watch hours (1200-1959)

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- **32%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 3rd watch hours (2000-0259)

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West Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias Elements	Bias Incident
David	D1	3	3	3
	D2	1	1	1
	D3	1	2	1
King	K1	2	4	3
	K2	1	5	6
	K3	4	4	1
Mary	M1	2	4	1
	M2	2	1	2
	M3	1	2	5
Queen	Q1	0	1	2
	Q2	2	0	0
	Q3	3	0	2
Totals		22	27	27

David Sector represents **22%** of the total crimes and **19%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

King Sector **41%** of the total crimes and **37%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

Mary Sector represents **25%** of the total crimes and **30%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

Queen Sector represents **10%** of the total crimes and **15%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

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South Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias Elements	Bias Incident
Robert	R1	1	1	1
	R2	1	6	3
	R3	0	3	1
Sam	S1	1	1	2
	S2	0	0	2
	S3	0	2	0
Ocean	O1	1	0	0
	O2	0	3	0
	O3	1	0	0
Totals		5	16	9

Robert Sector represents **57%** of the total crimes and **56%** non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

Sam Sector represents **19%** of the crimes and **44%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

Ocean Sector represents **24%** of the total crimes and **0%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

East Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias Elements	Bias Incident
Edward	E1	2	2	2
	E2	6	5	2
	E3	0	4	2
Charlie	C1	3	1	0
	C2	2	0	3
	C3	1	2	3
George	G1	2	2	0
	G2	0	2	4
	G3	0	3	1
Totals		16	21	17

Edward Sector represents **51%** of the total crimes and **38%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

Charlie Sector represents **24%** of the total crimes and **38%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

George Sector represents **24%** of the total crimes and **25%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

North Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias Elements	Bias Incident
Nora	N1	0	2	0
	N2	0	1	1
	N3	1	5	0
Boy	B1	2	4	1
	B2	0	1	0
	B3	1	0	1
Lincoln	L1	0	1	3
	L2	0	2	2
	L3	0	2	5
Union	U1	1	2	1
	U2	3	8	1
	U3	0	2	2
John	J1	0	3	0
	J2	0	0	3
	J3	2	2	2
Totals		10	35	22

Nora Sector represents **20%** of the total crimes and **5%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Boy Sector represents **18%** of the total crimes and **9%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Lincoln Sector represents **11%** of the total crimes and **45%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Union Sector represents **36%** of the total crimes and **18%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

John Sector represents **13%** of the total crimes and **23%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

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Southwest Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias Elements	Bias Incident
Frank	F1	0	0	0
	F2	0	2	5
	F3	0	0	1
William	W1	0	1	1
	W2	0	1	0
	W3	3	2	1
Totals		3	6	8

Frank Sector represents **22%** of the total crimes and **75%** of the bias incidents in the Southwest Precinct.

William Sector **78%** of the total crimes and **25%** of the bias incidents in the Southwest Precinct.