

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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

DATE: February 6, 2019

FROM: Detective Elizabeth Wareing
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SUBJECT: Bias Crimes and Bias Incidents Synopsis - (2nd Half 2018 dates 07/01/18-12/31/18)

Overview

During the second half of 2018, **278** criminal and non-criminal bias-based incidents were reported to the Seattle Police Department. This compares to **240** bias-based incidents reported in the second half of 2017. This reflects a 15% (+37) increase of bias-based incidents, city-wide.

During the second half of 2018, **Malicious harassment cases increased by 16 (+31%)**, the category of **crimes with bias elements increased by 14 (+14%)**, and **non-criminal bias incidents increased by 7 (+8%)** from the same reporting period in 2017.

Reported **anti-LGBTQ** malicious harassment cases numbered 24 during the second half of 2017 and increased to 26 during the second half of 2018. Anti-LGBTQ crimes with bias elements numbered 31 in 2018, up from 23 in 2017. Non-criminal bias incidents also increased from 18 in 2017 to 27 in 2018.

Reported **anti-Black** malicious harassment cases numbered 15 during the second half of 2017, and 15 during the second half of 2018. Reported anti-Black crimes with bias elements increased from 25 reported incidents during the second half of 2017 to 31 during the second half of 2018. Non-criminal bias incidents numbered 29 in the second half of 2017, and 31 in the second half of 2018.

The most reported incidents occurred during **second watch hours (108)**, followed by **third (90)** and **first watches (80)**.

East Precinct had the most incidents, accounting for 30% (82), followed by **West Precinct** at 29% (81) of the total number city wide, followed by **North Precinct** at 24% (67). **South Precinct** reported 12% (34) of the incidents, followed by **Southwest Precinct** at 5% (14). One incident was classified as generally in Seattle and was handled by a detective at HQ.

Incidents

- ✓ 69 were determined to be Malicious Harassment
- ✓ 113 of the incidents were determined to be crimes with bias elements
- ✓ 96 of the incidents were determined to be non-criminal bias incidents

Arrests

69 total cases resulted in an arrest in 30 malicious harassment cases:

- 14 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime
- 16 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense
- 37 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors
- 2 cases remain open and under investigation

113 total cases resulted in an arrest in 40 crimes with bias elements cases:

- 10 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime
- 29 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense
- 1 case was cleared exceptional- self-defense (arrest and release)
- 72 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors
- 1 case remains open and under investigation

Bias Categories

Perpetrators in bias-based events targeted 18 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 | 15 | 31 | 31 |
| Gay and/or Lesbian | 22 | 27 | 25 |
| White | 7 | 14 | 13 |
| Jewish | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Transgender | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Homeless | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Arab | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Physical Disability | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Political Ideology | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Female | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Islamic | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Multi-Racial Group | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Heterosexual | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Mental Disability | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 73 | 115 | 100 |

*Nine 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 277. Categories in which no incidents were reported were not included in this table. One incident was reported in the city, but primarily occurred in Tukwila PD’s jurisdiction. TPD did not take a report on the incident. An additional incident was attributed to an individual who made non-specific threats on social media and is believed to live in Seattle at an unknown address.

- The category of Anti-Black represents **28%** of the total reported incidents.
- The category of Anti-Gay and Lesbian represents **27%** percent of the incidents.
- **29%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 1st watch hours (0300-1159)
- **39%** 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 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | D2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| | D3 | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| | | | | |
| King | K1 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| | K2 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| | K3 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| | | | | |
| Mary | M1 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| | M2 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| | M3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| | | | | |
| Queen | Q1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Q2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | Q3 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| | | | | |
| Totals | | 19 | 33 | 29 |

David Sector represents **21%** of the total crimes and **24%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

King Sector represents **40%** of the total crimes and **31%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

Mary Sector represents **21%** of the total crimes and **17%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

Queen Sector represents **17%** of the total crimes and **28%** 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 | 2 | 0 |
| | R2 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| | R3 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | | | |
| Sam | S1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | S2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | S3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| | | | | |
| Ocean | O1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | O2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | O3 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| | | | | |
| Totals | | 6 | 14 | 13 |

Robert Sector represents **30%** of the total crimes and **46%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

Sam Sector represents **30 %** of the total crimes and **15%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

Ocean Sector represents **40%** of the total crimes and **39%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

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East Precinct

| Sector | Beat | Malicious Harassment | Crime w/Bias Elements | Bias Incident |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Edward | E1 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| | E2 | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| | E3 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Charlie | C1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| | C2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| | C3 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| George | G1 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| | G2 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| | G3 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | | 23 | 31 | 27 |

Edward Sector represents **61%** of the total crimes and **56%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

Charlie Sector represents **20%** of the total crimes and **33%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

George Sector represents **19%** of the total crimes and **11%** 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 | 4 | 1 |
| | N2 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| | N3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Boy | B1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| | B2 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | B3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lincoln | L1 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| | L2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| | L3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Union | U1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| | U2 | 6 | 6 | 1 |
| | U3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| John | J1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| | J2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | J3 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Totals | | 15 | 28 | 24 |

Nora Sector represents **28%** of the total crimes and **25%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Boy Sector represents **9%** of the total crimes and **12.5%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Lincoln Sector represents **16%** of the total crimes and **33%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Union Sector represents **35%** of the total crimes and **12.5%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

John Sector represents **12%** of the total crimes and **17%** 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 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| | F2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | F3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| William | W1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| | W2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | W3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | |
| Totals | | 5 | 5 | 4 |

Frank Sector represents **40%** of the total crimes and **50%** of the bias incidents in the Southwest Precinct.

William Sector represents **60%** of the total crimes and **50%** of the bias incidents in the Southwest Precinct.