SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Kathleen O'Toole   DATE: September 6, 2017
                Chief of Police- via Chain of Command

FROM: Detective Elizabeth Wareing
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SUBJECT: Bias Crimes and Bias Incidents Synopsis - (1st Half 2017 dates 01/01/17-06/30/17)

Overview

During the first half of 2017, **178** criminal and non-criminal bias based incidents were reported to the Seattle Police Department. This compares to **128** bias based incidents reported in the first half of 2016. This reflects a 39% increase of bias based incidents, city-wide.

Malicious harassment cases increased by **22%**, the category of **crimes with bias elements** rose **64%**, and **non-criminal bias incidents** rose **33%**, respectively from the same period of time in 2016.

Reported **anti-LGBTQ** malicious harassment cases numbered 19 during the first half of 2016, and increased to 25 during the first half of 2017.

Reported **anti-Black** malicious harassment cases numbered 16 during the first half of 2016, and decreased to 12 during the first half of 2017. Reported anti-Black crimes with bias elements increased from 6 reported incidents during the first half of 2016 to 23 during the first half of 2017.

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% of the total number city wide, followed by **North Precinct** at 30% and **East Precinct** at 21%. **South Precinct** reported 11% of the incidents, followed by **Southwest Precinct** at 7%.

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Incidents

- ✓ 61 were determined to be Malicious Harassment

- ✓ 69 of the incidents were determined to be crimes with bias elements

- ✓ 48 of the incidents were determined to be non-criminal bias incidents

Arrests

- ✓ 18 total cases resulted in an arrest in 61 Malicious Harassment crimes:

  - o 12 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime

  - o 6 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense

  - o 2 cases were cleared exceptional- the victim did not want to press charges

  - o 28 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors

  - o 13 cases remain open and under investigation

33 total cases resulted in an arrest out of 69 crimes with bias elements

  - o 9 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime

  - o 24 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense

  - o 36 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors

Bias Categories

The bias events targeted eighteen total groups with the two most frequent groups, anti-black and anti-gay/lesbian accounting for 49**%** of the total bias based incidents.

Bias category	Malicious Harassment	Crimes with Bias Elements	Non-Criminal Bias Incidents
Black	12	22	11
Gay & Lesbian	19	17	7
Jewish	3	10	4
White	4	6	3
Transgender	5	3	4
Islamic	3	0	7
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	3	4	2
Hispanic	3	3	2
Multi-Racial Group	1	2	2
Arab	1	1	2
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	0	1
Homeless	3	0	0
Gender Non-Conforming	1	1	0
Political Ideology	1	0	1
Mormon	0	0	1
Female	0	1	0
Sikh	0	0	1
Other Christian	0	1	0
Totals	62	71	48

*Three incidents included bias elements in more than one category. The total number of discrete incidents was 178. Categories in which no incidents were reported were not included in this table.

- o The category of Anti-Black represents 25**%** of the total reported incidents.

- o The category of Anti-Gay and Lesbian represents 24% percent of the incidents.

- ➢ **26.4%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 1st watch hours (0300-1159)

- ➢ **39.3%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 2nd watch hours (1200-1959)

- ➢ **34.3%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 3rd watch hours (2000-0259)

West Precinct

Sector	Beat	Malicious Harassment	Crime w/Bias Elements	Bias Incident
David	D1	1	0	1
	D2	2	1	1
	D3	0	1	2
King	K1	5	1	2
	K2	3	3	2
	K3	2	2	1
Mary	M1	0	2	2
	M2	1	5	1
	M3	3	4	0
Queen	Q1	0	2	0
	Q2	1	0	0
	Q3	2	2	0
Totals		20	23	12

David Sector represents **12%** of the total crimes and **33 %** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

King Sector **37%** of the total crimes and **42%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

Mary Sector represents **35%** of the total crimes and **25%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

Queen Sector represents **16%** of the total crimes and **0%** 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	0	1	1
	R2	2	1	2
	R3	0	1	1
Sam	S1	1	1	1
	S2	0	0	0
	S3	2	1	1
Ocean	O1	0	1	0
	O2	0	2	0
	O3	0	0	0
Totals		5	8	6

Robert Sector represents 39% of the total crimes and 67% non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

Sam Sector represents 39% of the crimes and 33% of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

Ocean Sector represents 23% of the total crimes and 0% 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	0	1
	E2	6	6	1
	E3	4	2	0
Charlie	C1	0	0	3
	C2	0	0	1
	C3	2	2	1
George	G1	1	0	2
	G2	1	1	1
	G3	1	0	0
Totals		17	11	10

Edward Sector represents 71% of the total crimes and 20% of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

Charlie Sector represents 14 % of the total crimes and 50% of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

George Sector represents 14% of the total crimes and 30% 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	0	1
	N2	2	3	0
	N3	2	7	4
Boy	B1	0	3	1
	B2	0	0	0
	B3	0	2	1
Lincoln	L1	0	2	2
	L2	4	2	0
	L3	1	1	1
Union	U1	0	1	1
	U2	1	1	2
	U3	1	0	0
John	J1	2	3	0
	J2	0	0	0
	J3	1	0	2
Totals		14	25	15

Nora Sector represents 36% of the total crimes and 33% of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Boy Sector represents 13% of the total crimes and 13% of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct

Union Sector represents 10% of the total crimes and 20% of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Lincoln Sector represents 26% of the total crimes and 20% of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

John Sector represents 15% of the total crimes and 13.3% of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Southwest Precinct

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

Frank Sector represents 57% of the total crimes and 40% of the bias incidents in the Southwest Precinct.

William Sector 43% of the total crimes and 60% of the bias incidents in the Southwest Precinct.