

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO REPORTED HATE CRIMES AND RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC OR RACIALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE, COUNCIL FILE NO. 17-0256

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE the attached Fact Sheet relative to reported hate crimes and religious or racially motivated violence, Council File No. 17-0256.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT this report to the Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee.

DISCUSSION

On January 24, 2018, members of the Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee requested the Los Angeles Police Department to submit a report relative to reported hate crimes and religious, ethnic, or racially motivated violence, under Council File No. 17-0256.

The attached fact sheet was prepared by Robbery-Homicide Division in response to that request.

If you should have any questions, please contact Captain William P. Hayes, Commanding Officer, Robbery-Homicide Division, at (213) 486-6850.

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

Attachment

FACT SHEET

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO REPORTED HATE CRIMES AND RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC, OR RACIALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE, COUNCIL FILE NO. 17-0256

March 8, 2018

Background. On January 24, 2018, members of the Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee requested a report relative to the reported hate crimes and religious, ethnic, or racially motivated violence, under Council File No. 17-0256.

Findings. The Los Angeles Police Department has reported 254 crimes for the year 2017, that were motivated by hate with a bias toward a particular group or individual. This represented a 10.9 percent increase over the 229 crimes motivated by hate that were reported in 2016.

The vast majority of the crimes tend to be acts of vandalism directed at property, either owned or operated by the protected individual.

The two most prevalent crimes motivated by hate, were those with bias directed toward race/ethnicity and sexual orientation with 115, and 70 crimes in each category, respectively.

There were 55 crimes motivated by hate directed at the African-American community, 32 crimes motivated by hate against the Hispanic community, and 10 crimes motivated by hate directed at the Caucasian community. There were 18 other crimes motivated by hate that were directed at individuals or groups that were of another Other Ethnicity/National origin. Those affected communities included Asian Pacific Islander and the Middle Eastern Community.

With respect to crimes motivated by hate against religion, there were 37 anti-Semitic crimes and six anti-Muslim crimes. It should be noted that these numbers are almost identical to the number of crimes committed the previous year. Additionally, there were 2 crimes motivated by hate directed towards the Sikh community, and one crime motivated by hate directed at the Catholic community.

With respect to crimes motivated by hate against the Transgender community, there were 23 crimes motivated by hate directed at the Transgender community compared to 8 during 2016.

In examining the crimes motivated by hate with a bias directed at religion, the majority of crimes (32 of 46) committed, were acts of vandalism. More importantly, there were only two simple assaults reported in this category.

Over the past several years, Area Commands and Specialized Commands within the Los Angeles Police Department have done outreach to local houses of worship to assist them with evaluating security, and establishing security measures to enhance the safety of their facilities and their followers (congregations). During religious holidays, all Area Commands regularly check on religious facilities to ensure the safety of the congregation.

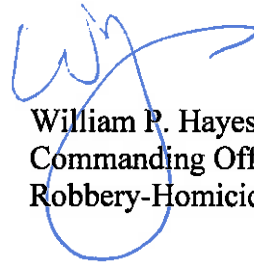
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As of the writing of this document, a search of federal, state, and local grant sites for funding that would defray the cost of increased security for houses of worship, found no applicable grants.

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