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INTRODUCTION

The Toronto Police Service Hate Crime Unit (HCU) is a sub-unit of the Security Section of Detective Services – Intelligence Support. It began in 1993 and since then has been collecting and publishing data on reported hate crimes. Currently there is one detective and one detective constable assigned on a full time basis. They have access to an intelligence analyst on an as-needed basis. Members of the HCU liaise with the Hate Crime Co-ordinators in each of the sixteen divisions in the Toronto Police Service, as well as members of other law enforcement agencies involved in the investigation of hate crimes.

Divisional Hate Crime Co-ordinators are responsible for the investigation of hate crimes within their respective divisions. The HCU provides support whenever necessary.

The HCU is responsible for the investigation of crimes regarding the publication of hate literature regardless of the division where they occur. Laying these types of charges requires the consent of the Attorney General.

There are two classifications of hate motivated crimes; those that fit within the parameters of the Hate Propaganda section of the Criminal Code, and all other criminal offences where there is evidence to support a hate motivation.

Hate propaganda is defined as any communication that advocates or promotes genocide or makes statements that promotes hatred against an identifiable group. An identifiable group is defined by the Criminal Code as, “*any section of the public distinguished by colour, race, religion or ethnic origin.*”

The definition of a hate / bias crime is, a criminal offence committed against a person or property, where there is evidence that the offence was motivated by bias, prejudice or hate, based on the victim’s race, national or ethnic origin, language, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or any other similar factor.

The hate / bias category codes used throughout the tables and charts of this report are explained in the legend at the foot of each page.

The HCU is responsible for reviewing all hate motivated occurrences to ensure a proper and thorough investigation is conducted. All relevant information is recorded and analyzed to produce this report and help determine overall hate trends and patterns.

It must be emphasized that while the HCU analyzes this information to determine the extent of hate motivated crime, the Unit believes that the collected data does not accurately represent the prevalence of hate / bias criminal activity in Toronto. The main



reason for this is the historical reluctance of some members of the public to report their hate victimization to police.

In Toronto, community groups play an important role by intervening and counselling reluctant victims on the importance of reporting hate occurrences to the police. Within the Toronto Police Service, the Hate Crime Directive provides specific criteria to field officers to properly identify hate crimes. In addition, the HCU continues to instruct all officers to err on the side of caution, to contact the Unit with any inquiries, and forward all suspected hate motivated occurrences to the Hate Crime Unit for review.

The HCU provides training and education to the community and police officers. The unit also provides investigative support and expert witnesses for court when required. The Hate Crime Unit remains dedicated to the achievement of its complementary objectives: the prevention and vigorous investigation of hate motivated offences and the pro-active education of others to enable them to recognize and combat hate. The goal is to encourage tolerance amongst communities and to ensure the freedoms, safety and dignity of all guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

METHODOLOGY of CATEGORIES

The Service's Hate Crime Directive requires all suspected hate motivated occurrences to be reviewed by the HCU to ensure proper identification. In addition, the unit gathers criminal intelligence on hate groups and/or individual hate mongers. Each occurrence is classified using the hate / bias categories contained within the hate crime definition of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Comments and/or actions of a suspect during an incident are significant in helping to determine the suspect's motive and bias; however, it is sometimes difficult to classify an occurrence. Other criteria used to assist in classifying occurrences include the victim's perception of the incident, motives, significant dates, symbols and the history of the community. In cases where there are multiple criminal offences committed during one occurrence, the most serious offence is used for the purpose of data collection for this report.

In some cases, for example, incidents involving visible minorities or gays and lesbians, the suspect is often unaware of the victim's actual background and the victim is then "lumped" into a pre-determined category by the suspect, based on the suspect's bias. The victim becomes a target based on the suspect's perception.



Offences in the Race (RA) category include people targeted because of an obvious visible difference, normally the colour of their skin or other immutable physical characteristics. For example, a Canadian of East Indian descent, when confronted with hate / bias, may be addressed with a derogatory term associated to an individual from Pakistan. In this case the incident is classified as Race (RA).

Occurrences where more than one of the protected groups is targeted are categorized as Multi-Bias (MU). This occurs when a suspect's comments and/or actions are directed towards several victim groups. For example, a hate propaganda flyer that targets Blacks, Jews and South Asians will be categorized as Multi-Bias (MU).

When a hate motivated occurrence is coded as Ethnicity (ET), the suspect and victim are from the same country but different ethnic backgrounds, or the suspect is able to distinguish between the different ethnic groups from a specific country.

The Nationality (NA) category is used when a victim is targeted specifically because of his or her perceived nationality, at times based on physical characteristics, and not necessarily their country of origin.

The categories of Age (AG), Language (LN), Disability (DI), Sexual Orientation (SO), and Religion (RE) are usually specific and clear as to why the victims have been targeted and therefore, can be easily categorized.

In Similar Factor (SF) criminal occurrences hatred can focus on any recognizable group other than those previously discussed. This may include members of a particular socio-economic class or profession, such as abortion doctors.



HATE GROUPS

In 2001, as in past years, the activities of organized hate groups were relatively limited. The majority of these groups have gone underground and group meetings are reserved for select, invited individuals. In the past, recruitment was a labour intensive task; now, most hate groups have web sites that are easily accessible and available locally, nationally and internationally. Consequently, these web sites are also used as a tool for recruitment of new members.

Two incidents in 2001 pertaining to potential hate groups included a group claiming to be a patriotic association that threatened to bomb a mosque during a religious holiday, and an unknown group which demonstrated at the first Gay and Lesbian weddings in Toronto.

OVERVIEW

An increase in the number of reported hate crimes occurred in 2001. In 2000, the Toronto Police Service Hate Crime Unit identified a total of 204 hate crime occurrences. That number increased to **338** in 2001. (See Fig. 2 Pg. 6) This reflects a **66% increase** from the previous year. For the most part, victim categories and victim groups remain the same from year to year. However, changes in the world's political or religious climate can cause a re-ordering of the victim groups most affected by hate.

The 66% increase in reported hate crimes was largely a result of the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attack on the United States. Throughout history crimes of hate have generated imitation, repetition and retaliation. This is clearly evident from the events that followed September 11th. The Toronto Police Service received 121 hate occurrences directly related to the terrorist attacks. This figure represents 90% of the total increase in hate crimes from the year 2000. (See Fig. 13 Pg. 21)

Mischief, Threat and Assault offences are again the most frequently reported. (See Fig.1 Pg. 5) Wilful Promotion of Hatred occurrences are noticeably higher in 2001 (45) than in 2000 (20). Occurrences from the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) remained relatively constant. The majority of these TTC occurrences were Mischief to Property (i.e. Graffiti). (See Fig. 11 Pg. 15) Analysis has revealed, as in previous years, that the majority of these hate motivated mischief occurrences were committed by a few individuals or groups.

Members of the Toronto Police Service were present at several events and demonstrations that had a potential for hate / bias activity. The presence of both



uniform and non-uniform police officers was a contributing factor in deterring and preventing criminal offences.

Police also attended several hate / bias demonstrations during 2001. The HCU believes a strong Police presence at these demonstrations has deterred potential hate activity and sent a clear message that this activity will not be tolerated.

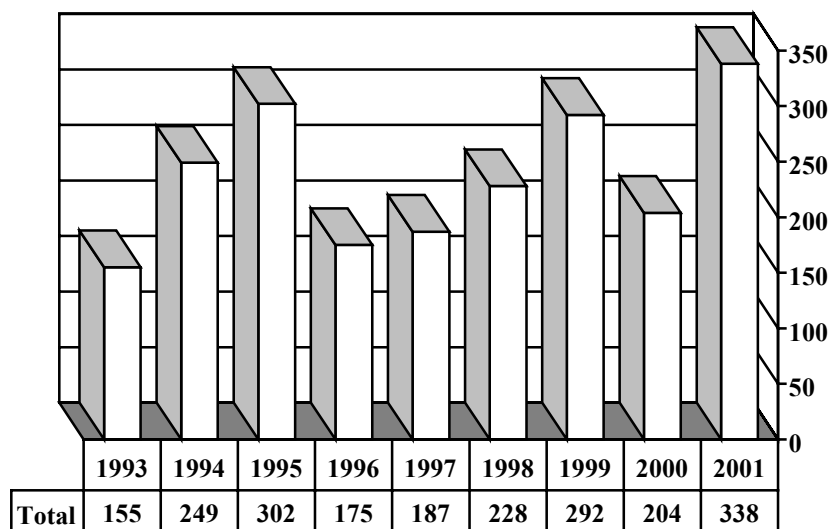
2001 OFFENCE BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORY

OFFENCE	AG	DI	ET	GE	LN	MU	NA	RA	RE	SF	SO	TTL
Administer Noxious Substance								1				1
Advocate Genocide								4	1			5
Arson									1			1
Assault			1			3	5	33	16	1	13	72
Bomb Threat						1			4			5
Break and Enter						1						1
Cause Disturbance							1					1
Criminal Harassment			1			2	3	5	12		4	27
Mischief						22	10	19	29	2	4	86
Mugging								1				1
Point Firearm						1						1
Robbery								4	1		1	6
Suspicious Incident						1						1
Threat			3			5	14	17	40	4	2	85
W/Promotion Hatred						23	2	6	14			45
TOTAL			5			59	35	90	118	7	24	338

Fig.1



Reported Hate Crime Occurrences 1993 - 2001 Comparisons



YEAR	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Percentage Increase/Decrease	61%+	21%+	42%-	7%+	22%+	28%+	30%-	66%+

Fig.2

TOTAL HATE CRIMES

YEAR	AG	DI	ET	GE	LN	MU	NA	RA	RE	SF	SO	TOTAL
1993			8					77	54		16	155
1994		2	6				17	155	58		11	249
1995			10	1		32	23	164	50		22	302
1996			9			8	7	101	32		18	175
1997			5		1	18	16	97	34		16	187
1998		1	3	2		33	34	92	32		31	228
1999		1	5	2		63	21	113	38	5	44	292
2000			2	7	1	36	9	91	35	5	18	204
2001			5			59	35	90	118	7	24	338
TOTAL		4	53	12	2	249	162	980	451	17	200	2 130

Fig.3

In 1993 Nationality and Ethnicity were combined under Ethnicity
 In 1993 & 1994 Race and Multi-Bias were combined under Race
 AG-Not reported to date



PATTERNS OF HATE MOTIVATED OFFENCES

In 2001 the most frequent hate / bias occurrences were Mischief (86), followed by Threats (85), Assaults (72), Wilful Promotion of Hatred (45), and Criminal Harassment (27). (See Fig. 1 Pg. 5) The majority of reported hate occurrences occurred in apartment buildings, educational facilities and public locations. (See Fig. 12 Pg. 15) As in previous years, most hate offences were committed by suspects unknown to the victim. (See Fig. 6 Pg. 10)

Mischief offences continued to consist mainly of graffiti and flyers posted and/or distributed in public locations. The hate / bias categories most affected by mischief occurrences were Religion-RE (29), followed by Multi-Bias-MU (22) and Race-RA (19). (See Fig.1 Pg. 5) Commonly targeted locations included apartment buildings, educational facilities and Toronto Transit Commission property. (See Fig. 11 Pg. 15)

Threats and Assaults were usually unprovoked. Threat occurrences mainly focused on the categories of Religion-RE (40), Race-RA (17) and Nationality-NA (14). In relation to assault occurrences, Race-RA (33) and Religion-RE (16) were the categories most targeted. They tended to occur in the victim's environment: their neighbourhood, school, transit route and occasionally, their place of employment.

Analysis has shown individual hate mongers were responsible for the majority of Wilful Promotion of Hatred offences (hate propaganda). Multi-Bias-MU (23) and Religion-RE (14) categories were the most targeted in this offence category. (See Fig. 1 Pg. 5)

Most Criminal Harassment offences were committed against the Religion-RE (12) category and were delivered by mail (telephone, e-mail, letters) or fax messages.

It should be noted that there has been a steady increase in the use of the Internet - web sites and e-mail - as a tool for communicating hate propaganda and threats and for committing criminal harassment.



PATTERNS OF VICTIM GROUPS

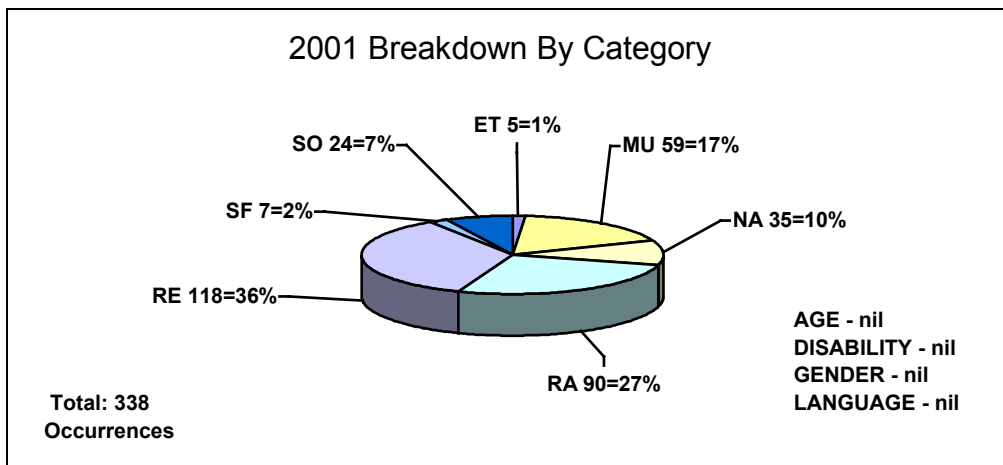


Fig.4

The terrorist attack of September 2001 resulted in a change of the victim category most affected by hate crimes. The victim category most affected by hate in 2001 was Religion-RE (36%=118), followed by Race-RA (27%=90) and Multi-Bias-MU (17%=59). (See Fig. 4 above) In 2000 the most affected category was Race.

Analysis of data from 2001, relative to previous years, shows a change in the victim group most targeted, from the Black community to the Multi-Bias category (59). The Jewish community (58), the Muslim community (57), the Black community (53), and the Gay community (24) follow. (See Fig. 5 Pg. 10) The motivation for these occurrences is often the suspect's personal bias, which contributed to criminal action. In the majority of cases there were no precipitating events to initiate an attack.

In the Race category, members of the Black community (53) were the main target group, followed by members of the Pakistani (5) and White (5) communities. (See Fig. 10a Pg. 13)

The Multi-Bias-MU category had 59 occurrences. This category is used when an occurrence targets more than one victim group. Most frequently affected are Jews, followed by immigrants, visible minorities and the gay community. The majority of occurrences were mischief and wilful promotion of hatred (hate propaganda). (See Fig. 10a Pg. 13)



The Religion-RE category also differs from previous annual reports. In the year 2000, this category accounted for 17% (35) of the total reported hate crimes. In 2001 this category accounts for 36% (118) of the total hate crimes. The most affected victim groups in this category are the Jewish community (58) and the Muslim community (57). Occurrences against Muslims reflect the highest increase from the previous year when they had only one occurrence. (See Fig. 10b Pg. 14)

Offences against gay males (19) were the highest in the Sexual Orientation-SO category. The majority of these were assaults, almost all of which occurred in public locations. (See Fig. 10b Pg. 14)

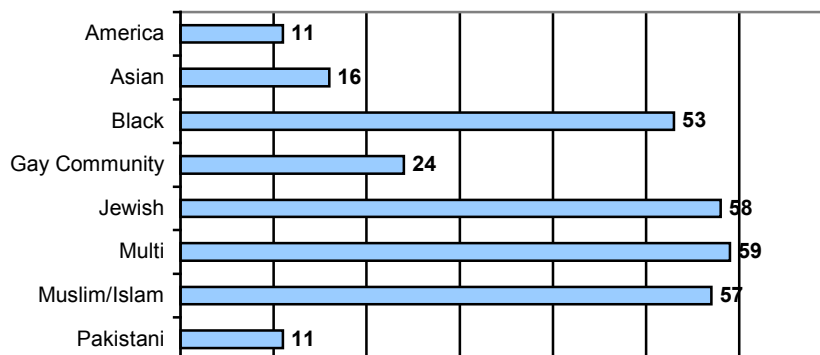
The Police divisions with the highest numbers of hate / bias occurrences were 52 Division (52), 41 Division (38), 32 Division (35) and 31 Division (29). (See Fig. 12 Pg. 16)

Physical and verbal abuse was prevalent in many occurrences; however, weapons were used in 15 occurrences. The types of weapons included a metal carpet kicker, an air gun, a paint can, chilli pepper, a drinking glass, and hammers and knives. The majority of these weapons offences were some form of assault.



PATTERNS OF HATE MOTIVATED OFFENCES
 continued

VICTIMIZED GROUPS IN 2001



Victim groups with more than 5 occurrences are represented in the above graph.

Afghanistan	4	French	1	Multi	59	Yugoslavia	1
American Led Anti-Terrorist Forces	1	Gay Community	2	Muslim/Islam	57		
America	11	Gay Male	19	Native Canadian	1		
Anti Northern Alliance	1	Hispanics	1	Pakistani	11		
Arab	5	Iranian Immigrants	1	Shanghai	1		
Asian	16	Anti-Islamic Fundamentalists	1	Sikhs	1		
Black	53	Italian	1	Somalia	1		
Canada	4	Jamaicans	1	South Asian	4		
Canada Trust Employees	1	Jewish	58	Teachers	1		
Canadian Government Employee	1	Lesbian	1	Toronto	1		
Christian	2	Mexican	1	Transsexuals	1		
East Indian	1	Middle East	4	Transvestite (Prostitute)	1		
Filipinos	1	MTHA Security	1	White	5	TOTAL	338

Fig.5



ACCUSED/SUSPECT IDENTIFICATION

(Provided by Victims - Approximate Age Group)

Age Range 11-17			Age Range 18-25			Age Range 26-40			Over 40		
M	F	Group	M	F	Group	M	F	Group	M	F	Group
15	1	3	19	4	4	34	7	9	45	7	5

Male - Unk/Age	Female – Unk/Age	Group Attacks – Unk/Age
159	3	23

Fig.6

According to victim description, males are responsible for the majority of hate crimes committed. Males in the “Over 40” age group committed the highest number of hate crimes (45). Males in the 26-40 age group were responsible for 34 hate crimes. Unknown males were suspects in 159 hate occurrences. This information is based on data provided by the victim in cases where a suspect was encountered or known.

HATE BIAS CRIME OCCURRENCES BY DAY/MONTH

DAYS OF THE WEEK						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
34	53	51	52	56	47	45

Fig.7

There is no discernible trend or pattern to an occurrence breakdown by days of the week in 2001. In the previous report, of the year 2000, the statistics suggested higher activity on the weekend. In 2001, the weekend had lower hate activity than the weekdays.

MONTHS OF THE YEAR											
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
20	10	22	12	11	19	24	8	99	70	27	16

Fig.8

In Fig. 8 above, the months with the highest activity were September (99), followed by October (70) and November (27). This anomalous situation is readily attributable to events surrounding the September 11th terrorist activity in the United States. Hate activity peaked in September and declined steadily to normally observed amounts by November.



ARREST/SENTENCING

In 2001, there were 23 reported hate motivated occurrences which were concluded with charges. (See Fig. 9 below.) Of these, the majority had multiple charges and several had multiple accused. For the purpose of data collection for this report, the most serious charge was used in cases of multiple charges. There were 13 concluded cases and 10 remain before the courts. Of the concluded cases 8 ended with guilty pleas, 3 resulted in peace bonds and 2 were withdrawn. Sentencing in the concluded cases included time served, custodial time, conditional discharges, probation, and peace bonds.

CHARGES		COURT CASES		
OFFENCE	QTY	DISPOSITIONS	Y.O.	ADULTS
Assault	16	Currently before the Courts		10
Threat	3	Guilty		8
Mischief	1	Withdrawn (Peace Bond)		3
Robbery	3	Withdrawn		2
TOTAL	23	TOTAL		23

Fig.9

Mischief, Criminal Harassment and Wilful Promotion of Hatred represent a majority of hate motivated crimes. The nature of these offences allows suspects to more easily remain anonymous, resulting in a lower arrest and clearance rate.



BREAKDOWN BY VICTIM GROUP AND OFFENCE

BIAS	VICTIM	NUMBER & TYPE OF OFFENCES	BIAS	VICTIM	NUMBER & TYPE OF OFFENCES
ET=5	Arab = 3 Middle East = 2	1 Assault 2 Threats 1 Criminal Harassment 1 Threat	MU=59	Multi-Bias = 59	3 Assault 1 Break and Enter 1 Bomb Threat 2 Criminal Harassment 22 Mischief 1 Point Firearm 1 Suspicious Incident 5 Threats 23 Wilful Promotion of Hate
NA=35	Afghanistan = 4 America = 11 Arab = 1 Asian = 2 Canada = 4 French = 1 Italian = 1 Jamaican = 1 Korean = 1 Mexican = 1 Pakistan = 6 Toronto = 1 Shanghai = 1 Yugoslavia = 1	1 Assault 3 Mischief 1 Cause Disturbance 4 Mischief 6 Threats 1 Criminal Harassment 1 Assault 1 Criminal Harassment 1 Mischief 3 Threat 1 Mischief 1 Threat 1 Wilful Promotion of Hate 1 Criminal Harassment 1 Criminal Harassment 2 Assault 3 Threat 1 Wilful Promotion of Hate 1 Threat 1 Assault 1 Mischief	RA=90	Arab = 1 Asian = 14 Black = 53 East Indian = 1 Filipino = 1 Hispanic = 1 Iranian Immigrant = 1 Middle East = 2 Native Canadian = 1 Pakistan = 5 Somalia = 1 South Asian = 4 White = 5	1 Threat 3 Advocate Genocide 4 Assault 1 Mugging 4 Threat 2 Wilful Promotion of Hate 1 Advocate Genocide 1 Administer Noxious Substance 18 Assault 5 Criminal Harassment 19 Mischief 2 Robbery 4 Threat 3 Wilful Promotion of Hate 1 Threat 1 Assault 1 Assault 1 Assault 1 Assault 2 Assault 1 Assault 1 Assault 4 Threat 1 Wilful Promotion of Hate 1 Assault 3 Threat 3 Assault 2 Robbery

Fig. 10a



BREAKDOWN BY VICTIM GROUP AND OFFENCE
 (Continued)

BIAS	VICTIM	NUMBER & TYPE OF OFFENCES	BIAS	VICTIM	NUMBER & TYPE OF OFFENCES
RE=118	Christian = 2 Jewish = 58 Muslim / Islam = 57 Sikhs = 1	1 Mischief 1 Threat 1 Advocate Genocide 3 Assault 2 Bomb Threat 7 Criminal Harassment 7 Mischief 24 Threat 14 Wilful Promotion of Hate 1 Arson 13 Assault 2 Bomb Threat 5 Criminal Harassment 20 Mischief 1 Robbery 15 Threat 1 Mischief	SO=24	Gay Community = 2 Gay Males = 19 Lesbian = 1 Transsexual = 1 Transvestite = 1	1 Assault 1 Threat 10 Assault 3 Criminal Harassment 4 Mischief 1 Robbery 1 Threat 1 Criminal Harassment 1 Assault 1 Assault
SF=7	American Led Anti-Terrorist Forces = 1 Anti-Northern Alliance = 1 Canada Trust Employee = 1 Canadian Government Employee = 1 Anti-Islamic Fundamentalist = 1 MTHA Security = 1 Teacher = 1	1 Threat 1 Assault 1 Threat 1 Threat 1 Threat 1 Mischief 1 Mischief	AG DI GE LN	Nil Nil Nil Nil	

Fig.10b



LOCATION OF OFFENCES

Type of Location	QTY	Types of Crimes – In Sequence of Most Often Committed
Apartment Bldg ▪ Basement storage area ▪ Lobby ▪ Elevators	53	Mischief, Assaults, Threat, Criminal Harassment, Robbery and Wilful Promotion of Hate
Automobile	1	Threat
Banks	3	Mischief, Threat
Business Office ▪ Various types	27	Wilful Promotion of Hate, Threat, Mischief, Criminal Harassment, Advocate Genocide, Assault, Mugging, and Bomb Threat
Cemetery	1	Mischief
▪ Community Centre / Cultural Organization	16	Threat, Mischief
Consulate	3	Criminal Harassment, Threat, and Wilful Promotion of Hate
Court House	1	Wilful Promotion of Hate
Education ▪ Primary ▪ Junior & High ▪ College & University	37	Mischief, Threat, Wilful Promotion of Hate, Assault, and Criminal Harassment
Government ▪ City Hall ▪ M P P offices ▪ Social Services	21	Mainly Wilful Promotion of Hate, Threat, Mischief, and Criminal Harassment
Hospitals / Nursing Homes	7	Wilful Promotion of Hate, Assault, Criminal Harassment, and Mischief
Hostel	1	Assault
Hotels	2	Threat
House / Dwelling ▪ Private Houses	34	Threat, Mischief, Assault, Criminal Harassment, Advocate Genocide
Internet site	1	Wilful Promotion of Hate
Lawyer's Office	1	Wilful Promotion of Hate
Library	1	Assault
Media ▪ News Station ▪ Radio Station ▪ Television Station	16	Threat, Wilful Promotion of Hate, Criminal Harassment
Medical Offices	2	Assault, Mischief, Threat
Museum	1	Mischief
Parking Lots	6	Mischief, Threat
Police Station	5	Threat
Public Park	7	Assault, Robbery, and Administer Noxious Substance
Restaurant	10	Assault, Threat, Mischief, and Criminal Harassment
Retail	11	Assault, Threat, Mischief, and Break and Enter
Street / Sidewalk	36	Assault, Threat, Robbery, Mischief, and Criminal Harassment
Taxi / Taxi Companies	3	Assault, Criminal Harassment, and Threat
Toronto Transit Commission ▪ Bus Stop ▪ Street Cars ▪ Subway Stations & Trains ▪ Maintenance Yard	16	Mischief, Assault, and Point Firearm
Worship ▪ Church ▪ Mosque ▪ Synagogue	14	Threat, Mischief, and Bomb Threat

Fig.11

2001 HATE BIAS OCCURRENCES BY DIVISION

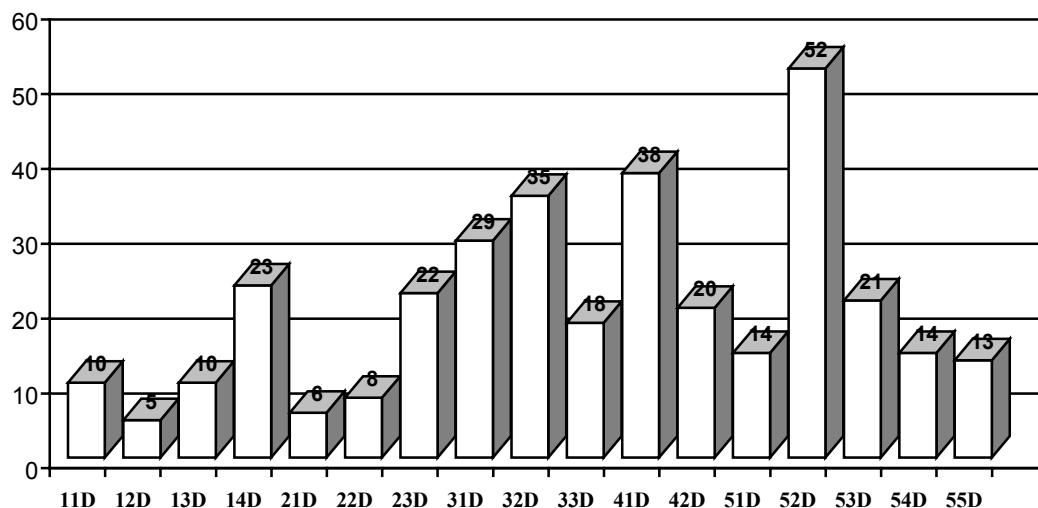


Fig. 13

BY DIVISION

11 Division - 10 Occurrences

Afghanistan Assault
 America Cause Disturbance
 America Mischief
 Filipino Assault
 Gay Male Criminal Harassment
 Multi 2x Mischief
 Muslim Assault
 Muslim Criminal Harassment
 White Assault

Jewish Muslim 2x Wilful Promotion of Hate Threat

14 Division – 23 Occurrences

America Threat
 Asian Advocate Genocide
 Asian Criminal Harassment
 Asian Threat
 Black Advocate Genocide
 Black 3x Assault
 Black Threat
 Gay Male Assault
 Gay Male Criminal Harassment
 Jewish 2x Threat
 Jewish 3x Wilful Promotion of Hate
 Lesbian Criminal Harassment
 Media Wilful Promotion of Hate
 Multi Criminal Harassment
 Muslim Assault
 Muslim Threat
 White Assault
 White Robbery

13 Division - 10 Occurrences

America Mischief
 Jewish Bomb Threat
 Jewish Criminal Harassment
 Jewish 4x Threat
 Multi Mischief
 Multi Wilful Promotion of Hate
 Muslim Assault

21 Division - 6 Occurrences

Asian Threat
 Black Assault
 Jewish Assault
 Jewish Criminal Harassment

12 Division – 5 Occurrences

Black Assault
 Black Criminal Harassment

Hate / Bias Category Legend



Muslim	2x Mischief	Black	2x Criminal Harassment
		Black	5x Mischief
		Black	Wilful Promotion of Hate
		Gay Male	Assault
<u>22 Division - 8 Occurrences</u>		Italian	Threat
		Jewish	Threat
Arabs	Threat	Multi	Suspicious Incident
Jewish	Wilful Promotion of Hate	Multi	5x Wilful Promotion of Hate
Multi	3x Mischief	Muslim	2x Assault
Muslim	Assault	Muslim	Criminal Harassment
Muslim	Bomb Threat	Muslim	Mischief
Muslim	Mischief	Muslim	Threat
		Pakistan	Threat
		Transsexual	Assault
		White	Assault

23 Division – 22 Occurrences

Afghanistan	Mischief
Arab	Threat
Black	Assault
Black	Mischief
Black	Threat
East Indian	Threat
French	Mischief
Multi	Break and Enter
Multi	3x Mischief
Multi	Wilful Promotion of Hate
Muslim	Arson
Muslim	Assault
Muslim	2x Mischief
Muslim	3x Threat
Pakistan	Threat
Sikhs	Mischief
Somalia	Wilful Promotion of Hate

32 Division – 35 Occurrences

America	Threat
Arabs	Criminal Harassment
Arabs	Threat
Black	Assault
Gay Male	Robbery
Hispanic	Assault
Iranian Immigrant	Assault
Jewish	Bomb Threat
Jewish	Criminal Harassment
Jewish	3x Mischief
Jewish	8x Threat
Jewish	2x Wilful Promotion of Hate
Multi	Criminal Harassment
Multi	Mischief
Multi	2x Threat
Multi	4x Wilful Promotion of Hate
Muslim	Criminal Harassment
Muslim	Mischief
Muslim	Threat
Pakistan	Threat
White	Robbery

31 Division – 29 Occurrences

America	Mischief
Arab	Assault
Asian	Assault
Black	Assault



33 Division – 18 Occurrences

Anti-American Led Threat	
Anti-Terrorist Canada	Mischief
Jewish	Advocate Genocide
Jewish	Assault
Jewish	Criminal Harassment
Jewish	2x Threat
Jewish	Wilful Promotion of Hate
Middle East	Criminal Harassment
Multi	Bomb Threat
Multi	Mischief
Multi	Threat
Muslim	2x Mischief
Muslim	Threat
Pakistan	Assault
Students	Threat
Yugoslavia	Mischief

41 Division – 38 Occurrences

Afghanistan	Mischief
Asian	Assault
Black	3x Assault
Black	6x Mischief
Canada	Threat
Christian	Mischief
Jewish	Criminal Harassment
Jewish	Mischief
Middle East	Threat
Multi	5x Mischief
Multi	Point Firearm
Muslim	Assault
Muslim	Bomb Threat
Muslim	Criminal Harassment
Muslim	7x Mischief
Muslim	Threat
Pakistan	2x Threat
South Asian	2x Threat
Teachers	Mischief

51 Division – 14 Occurrences

Afghanistan	Mischief
Black	2x Assault
Black	Criminal Harassment
Canada	Threat
Gay Male	Assault
Gay Male	Mischief
Multi	Assault
Multi	2x Mischief
MTHA Security	Mischief
Native Canadian	Assault
Toronto	Threat
Transvestite	Threat

42 Division – 20 Occurrences

America	Mischief
Asian	2x Advocate Genocide
Black	Administer Noxious Substance
Black	Assault
Black	2x Mischief
Black	Wilful Promotion of Hate
Canada	Threat
Anti-Islamic Fundamentalist	Threat
Jewish	Assault
Jewish	Mischief
Muslim	3x Assault
Muslim	Mischief
Muslim	3x Threat
South Asian	Threat



52 Division – 52 Occurrences

America	3x Threat
Asian	2x Assault
Asian	Mugging
Asian	Threat
Black	Assault
Black	Mischief
Black	Robbery
Canadian	Threat
Government Employee	
Christians	Threat
Gay Male	7x Assault
Gay Male	Criminal Harassment
Gay Male	2x Mischief
Gay Male	Threat
Jamaican	Wilful Promotion of Hate
Jewish	Criminal Harassment
Jewish	4x Threat
Jewish	5x Wilful Promotion of Hate
Multi	Assault
Multi	Mischief
Multi	Threat
Multi	10x Wilful Promotion of Hate
Muslim	Assault
Muslim	2x Threat
Pakistan	Threat
Pakistan	Wilful Promotion of Hate

53 Division – 21 Occurrences

Asian	2x Wilful Promotion of Hate
Black	Criminal Harassment
Black	2x Mischief
Black	Threat
Black	Wilful Promotion of Hate
Canada Trust Employee	Threat
Gay Community	Assault
Gay Community	Threat
Jewish	2x Mischief
Jewish	Threat
Mexican	Criminal Harassment
Multi	Mischief
Muslim	2x Assault
Muslim	2x Mischief
Muslim	Robbery
Pakistan	Assault



54 Division – 14 Occurrences

America	Threat
Asian	Assault
Asian	Threat
Black	Assault
Black	2x Mischief
Black	Threat
Gay Male	Mischief
Jewish	Criminal Harassment
Middle East	Assault
Multi	Mischief
Muslim	Assault
Pakistan	Assault
South Asian	Assault

55 Division – 13 Occurrences

Anti-Northern Alliance	Assault
Black	2x Assault
Black	Robbery
Jewish	2x Threat
Multi	Wilful Promotion of Hate
Muslim	Criminal Harassment
Muslim	2x Mischief
Muslim	Threat
Pakistan	Threat
Shanghai	Assault



HATE CRIMES RESULTING FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Victim	Offence	Biological Threat
Afghanistan = 4	Assault 3x Mischief	
America = 11	Cause Disturbance 4x Mischief 6x Threat	
Anti-Northern Alliance = 1	Assault	
Arab = 3	Criminal Harassment 2x Threat	
Canada = 2	2x Threat	Yes
Canadian Government = 1	Threat	Yes
Canada Trust Employee = 1	Threat	
East Indian = 1	Threat	
Immigrants = 1	Wilful Promotion of Hate	
Jewish = 20	Bomb Threat 3x Threat 2x Wilful Promotion of Hate 14x Threat	Yes
Middle East = 3	Assault Criminal Harassment Threat	
Multi = 18	Bomb Threat Criminal Harassment 11x Mischief Threat 3x Wilful Promotion of Hate Threat	Yes
Muslim / Islam = 45	Arson 11x Assault 2x Bomb Threat 3x Criminal Harassment 15x Mischief Robbery 12x Threat	
Pakistan = 8	2x Assault 5x Threat Wilful Promotion of Hate	
Toronto = 1	Threat	
South Asian = 1	Threat	Yes
TOTAL = 121		

Fig. 13



In 2001 the terrorist activity in the United States caused repercussions around the world. In Toronto we certainly were not immune from some of the after-effects of September 11th. We recorded occurrences that resulted from misguided efforts to imitate, repeat and retaliate against the terrorist activities. This culminated in a marked increase of recorded hate crimes, initially committed against anyone who was perceived to be of the Muslim (Islamic) religion. Invariably, these hate crimes were based on the suspect's perception and the victims tended to include anyone who appeared Middle Eastern or East Indian. Hate crimes then evolved to include occurrences targeting U.S. and Canadian interests and the Jewish community.

Since September 11th the Hate Crime Unit reviewed 121 hate occurrences it identified as directly related to the terrorist activity. This figure represents 90% of the total increase in hate crimes from the year 2000. The victim groups most affected by hate crimes flowing from the events of September 11th are the Muslim community (45), the Jewish community (20), Multi-Bias (18) and America (11). (See Fig. 13 Pg. 21)

Of the 121 occurrences, the most common were Threats (48), Mischief (39) and Assaults (16). The occurrences also included arson, bomb threats, criminal harassment and wilful promotion of hatred.

The Toronto Police Service responded to some of these threats through the creation of a temporary Bio-Terrorism Section. The Section tracked a total of 200 biological threats related to the terrorist activity. Of these, 79 were considered criminal occurrences and 121 were identified as non-criminal. 19 of the 79 criminal occurrences included a hate / bias motivation. All of the tests conducted by the Ministry of Health on the submitted substances were negative for biological threats.

There were no arrests or charges relating to the biological threats. However, in one case a youth was investigated and identified as a suspect responsible for a threatening message. He wrote a two-page apology to the victim. The youth's age was a factor in the decision not to lay charges against him



HATE CRIME UNIT EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

In 2001 the Hate Crime Unit continued to focus its efforts on the prevention and criminal investigation of hate motivated crimes and on the pro-active education of police officers and community members to sensitize and equip them to combat hate.

Investigative Support Role and Intelligence Gathering

- The Hate Crime Unit continued to exchange information through its networks with Toronto Police Service divisions, Provincial, National and International Police Services.
- The Unit assisted police divisions with investigative support, case tracking and relevant intelligence exchange.
- The Unit attended and monitored demonstrations regarding possible hate activity.
- The Unit conducted numerous investigations involving hate propaganda.

Hate-Bias Training for Police Officers

- The Hate Crime Unit continued to provide assistance to uniform officers. The officers received training on the identification of hate / bias crimes, and intelligence on organized hate groups.
- The Unit conducted quarterly hate / bias meetings with Divisional Hate Crime Investigation Co-ordinators.
- The Hate Crime Unit provided training for other police agencies including:
 - Edmonton Police Service
 - Windsor Police Service (and surrounding agencies)
 - University of Toronto Police

Toronto Police Service-Police Diversity Classes at C.O. Bick College



- The Hate Crime Unit provided hate /bias crime training for police officers of the Toronto Police Service throughout 2001.

Toronto Police Service-Civilian Diversity Classes at C.O. Bick College

- The Hate Crime Unit delivered hate / bias crime training for civilian members of the Toronto Police Service throughout 2001.

Community Outreach

- The Hate Crime Unit continues to meet and consult with community organizations including the League for Human Rights-B'nai Brith Canada, the Gay / Lesbian Community and the Canadian Jewish Congress.
- The Hate Crime Unit continued its efforts to establish an ongoing rapport with other community groups.
- The Hate Crime Unit continues to dialogue with community representatives for ways to improve the effectiveness of the Service's initiatives to reduce hate / bias crimes.
- The Hate Crime Unit conducted Hate Crime presentations for local schools, (both students and teaching staff), community colleges, York University and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre and the South/East Asian Consultative Committee.

Media Outreach

- Hate Crime Unit members provided interviews to local, national and international media on hate / bias crime.

The Hate Crime Unit is committed to the Prevention and Investigation of Hate Motivated Crimes and to the Education of our police and community partners. Open consultation with the community in a mutually supportive manner is recognized as the most effective way to achieve this goal.