

# HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Annual Hate Crime Report



### HATE CRIMES

A hate crime is defined as a criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

### IMPACT OF HATE CRIMES

Hate crimes victimize not only the individuals or institutions who are targeted, but also the entire community or group they represent. Violent hate crimes may lead to cycles of retaliation and vigilantism that can engulf communities and perpetuate hatred and prejudice.

### DEPARTMENT POLICY

The Houston Police Department views all hate crimes as major, and possibly organized, acts, which are given the highest investigation priority possible to ensure rapid apprehension of all persons, involved. HPD's Criminal Intelligence Division investigates all reported hate crimes and has the ultimate responsibility for determining whether a crime is reported to federal or state record keeping agencies as a hate crime.

### HOW TO REPORT

If you are a victim or a witness to a crime, please report the incident as soon as possible. If the incident is happening now or just happened, call 911 immediately.

For additional resources, please contact:

Houston Police Hate Crimes information line	713.308.8737
Houston Police Victims Services	713.308.0800
Anti-Defamation League	713.627.3490
LGBT Switchboard 24 hour helpline	713.529.3211
The Montrose Counseling Center	713.529.0037

### HATE CRIMES: BIAS TYPE BY YEAR

