



## STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

### Toronto Police Service: 2006 Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report

<b>Date:</b>	April 12, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Executive Committee, City of Toronto
<b>From:</b>	Alok Mukherjee, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

#### SUMMARY

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The purpose of this report is to submit a copy of the Toronto Police Service 2006 Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report.

#### Financial Impact

There are no financial implications in regard to the receipt of this report.

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on March 22, 2007, the Toronto Police Services Board was in receipt of a report, dated February 19, 2007, from Chief of Police William Blair regarding the Toronto Police Service 2006 Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report.

#### COMMENTS

The following persons were in attendance and delivered a presentation to the Board:

Inspector Mario Di Tommaso  
Detective Sergeant Steve Irwin  
Sergeant Jim Hogan

The Board received the presentation and approved the following Motions:

1. THAT the Board receive the foregoing report and forward copies to the City of Toronto – Executive Committee and the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards for information;

2. THAT, in light of the increasing hate/bias crime activities, the Board send a copy of the report to the Ministry of the Attorney General with a recommendation that it establish a working group to monitor hate/bias crimes throughout the province; and
3. THAT the Board approve the wide dissemination of the foregoing report and that the Chair and Chief develop a list of recipients.

A copy of Board Minute No. P99/07, in the form attached as Appendix “A”, regarding this matter is provided for information.

A copy of the Executive Summary to the 2006 Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report is attached to the Board Minute for information and a copy of the complete report has been filed with the Committee Administrator.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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Alok Mukherjee  
Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

## **ATTACHMENT**

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## Appendix "A"

### THIS IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD HELD ON MARCH 22, 2007

#P99.           **2006 HATE/BIAS CRIME STATISTICAL REPORT**

The Board was in receipt of the following report February 19, 2007 from William Blair, Chief of Police:

Subject:       2006 HATE/BIAS CRIME STATISTICAL REPORT

#### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- 1)       the Board receive the attached report for information; and
- 2)       a copy of this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for information.

#### Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications relating to the recommendations contained within this report.

#### Background:

The Hate Crime Unit of Intelligence Services has collected statistics and has been responsible to ensure full and thorough investigation of hate/bias crime offences since 1993. Attached is the 2006 Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report.

#### Discussion:

At the time the 2005 Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report was presented last year, the Board enquired about "the manner in which the Service determines the names of the victim groups, particularly, what criteria are used to differentiate a victim's ethnicity from nationality or race". The Board also enquired about "the definition of what constituted a hate crime". The Unit advises that responses to these questions are included within the 2006 Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report. Classification criteria are outlined in the Methodology of Categories section on page 5 and hate/bias crime definitions are provided in the Introduction section on page 3.

Deputy Chief A.J. (Tony) Warr of Specialized Operations Command will be in attendance to answer any questions that the Board may have.

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**A copy of the complete 2006 Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report is on file in the Board office.**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There was an increase in the number of hate/bias crimes reported in the City of Toronto in 2006. There were a total of 162 reported hate/bias crimes in 2006 compared to 132 in 2005. The 162 occurrences recorded in 2006 represent a 23% increase from 2005 but are also the fourth-lowest number recorded since the Hate Crime Unit began collecting these statistics in 1993. The average number of reported hate/bias occurrences over the past fourteen years is 211.

Although hate/bias crimes did increase 23% in 2006, arrests and charges more than kept pace with their rise. The number of arrests jumped 73%, from 26 in 2005 to 45 in 2006. Similarly, charges laid in hate/bias cases grew 78%, from 50 in 2005 to 89 in 2006.

Through meetings and consultations with affected community representatives in 2005, a need was identified to provide information in this Annual Report about salient characteristics of the population of Toronto. This feature was added last year and is again included in the 2006 Report. This information should assist in better understanding the overall hate/bias crime picture in relation to the proportions of the various racial, religious, ethnic and other sub-groups within Toronto.

Additionally, for the first time, the particular communities targeted in Multi-Bias (MU) offences are listed and the incidence of their victimization reported. It is felt that this too will help provide a fuller understanding of the hate/bias crime situation in Toronto.