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Bias Response Hotline Updates

Civil Rights Unit: Bias Response Hotline Staffing:

- 1 Office specialist
- 1 Hotline Coordinator
- 5 new, regionally located Hotline advocates hired in 2022:
 - 3 bilingual (English/Spanish) bicultural advocates
 - Salem/Central Willamette valley focus
 - Central Oregon focus
 - Southern Oregon focus
 - 1 multi-lingual (Arabic, Armenian, French, Spanish, English) bicultural advocate, North/Central Coast focus
 - 1 multi-lingual (Tagalog, Cebuano/Visayan, English) bicultural advocate, Portland focus
- CRU moved into ODOJ's Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division March 2022
- 1 open Hotline advocate position not yet filled
- 1 bilingual (Korean/English) bicultural Bias Crime Resource Prosecutor hired into ODOJ's Criminal Justice Division
- ODOJ Criminal Justice Division is in process of hiring Bias Crime Investigator, round 2 interviews this week
- Staff are representative of our protected class communities we serve

Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents Response Hotline

- Reports are up again in 2022; [CJC data dashboard publicly available](#)
 - 2,887 total reports (up 72% from 2021, which had 1,683 reports)
 - 903 bias crimes reported to the hotline (up 92% from 2021, which had 471 crimes)
 - ▶ 504 misdemeanors
 - ▶ 399 felonies
 - ▶ 31% of all reports to Hotline were criminal in 2022
 - ▶ 7% of all criminal reports had a crime charged (67 cases; not necessarily bias crime charged, but a crime)

Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents Response Hotline

- **1,672 bias incidents** reported to the hotline (up 67% from 2021, which had 1,003 incidents)
 - 58% of all reports to hotline were incidents in 2022
- **Most reports are race-based bias** (45% of all reports to the hotline), and within race, **overwhelmingly reports are anti-Black/African American bias** (21% of all reports to the hotline, 47% of race-based reports)
 - Anti-Black/African American bias reporting is up 23% from 2021 (500 reports in 2021 vs. 617 in 2022)
 - Anti-Hispanic/Latinx bias reporting is up 189% from 2021 (131 reports in 2021 vs. 379 reports in 2022)
 - Anti-Asian bias reporting is down 21% from 2021 (189 reports in 2021 vs. 149 reports in 2022)
- **120% increase in anti-LGBTQ+ bias (targeting both sexual orientation and gender identity)** in 2022, especially in May, June, July: pre-, during, and post-Pride
 - 900 reports in 2022 vs. 410 reports in 2021
 - 102% increase in reporting of anti-Sexual Orientation bias (259 reports in 2021 vs. 522 reports in 2022)
 - 150% increase in reporting of anti-Gender identity bias (151 reports in 2021 vs. 378 reports in 2022)
- **94% increase in anti-Jewish bias** (97 reports in 2021 vs. 188 reports in 2022)
- Huge surge (197% increase) in **school-based bias**, accounting for 16% of all reports to the hotline
 - (159 reports in 2021 vs. 472 reports in 2022)
- Extremist activity reported throughout Western Oregon
 - [Goyim Defense League](#) activity (broad anti-Semitic papering campaigns) reported in 9 cities in 2022, 13 cities since 2/2022: Lake Oswego, Forest Grove, Gladstone, Fairview, Troutdale, Tillamook, Portland, Eugene, Oregon City, Springfield, Thurston
 - [Aryan Freedom Network](#) activity (also papering campaigns) reported in Oregon City
 - [Proud Boys](#) activity in Oregon City, Gladstone, Portland, Salem, Milwaukie, Gresham, Klamath Falls, Eugene, Sweet Home
 - Rose City Nationalist activity reported in Newberg, Portland

Opened Bias Response Emergency Monies Fund April 1

- 76 victims/families have received payments
 - 34 bias incidents
 - 41 bias crimes (27 felonies, 14 misdemeanors; only 1 charged)
- \$89,644.93 expended
- Costs covered have included security cameras; emergency relocation; rent, food, and utility assistance; and property repair

Crime Victims' Compensation Program expanded to accept bias incidents

- New counseling only option for victims of bias incidents started April 1, 2022 (minimum of 30 counseling sessions available for bias incident victims who report to Hotline)
- Program allows loss of earnings benefit based on psychological harm (previously just physical harm qualified a victim)

Hosted first statewide law enforcement, prosecutor and victim advocate training summit on June 23, 2022

- Trainers from ODOJ Civil Rights, FBI, US Attorney's Office, Albany PD, former Multnomah Co DDA, Coalition Against Hate Crimes
- ~200 attendees

Updated and re-issued Law Enforcement Bias Response Toolkit

- New info on Intimidation by Display of a Noose (ORS 163.191)
- Summary of federal hate crime laws
- Updated victim referral and LE info cards in multiple languages
- Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism, Hate Symbols Database, Glossary of Extremism
- All training materials from 6/23/22 LE training

CJC issued its 3rd annual report on July 1, 2022 for 2021 data

Community outreach and presentations

- Hundreds of connections with community partners, attendance at community meetings, tabling at community events, and trainings/presentations provided in 2022
 - 10,462 people trained
 - 184 events
 - 400 hours of outreach