

To: Mayor Tod Satterthwaite  
From: Chief Eddie Adair  
Date: November 8, 2001  
Re: Hate Crimes

This memo is in response to Alderperson Chynoweth's request for police information regarding hate crimes reported in the City of Urbana. The information is as follows:

Question: Has there been an increase in hate crimes in Urbana since September 11, 2001?

Answer: Yes. In August 2001, there were two reports of hate crimes. Since September 11, 2001 there have been seven reported incidents of hate crimes.

Question: Are hate crimes distinguished from other crimes in their reporting?

Answer: Yes. They are categorized just as all other crimes are categorized.

Question: How do police respond to hate crimes so that people are better informed about them?

Answer: We investigate hate crimes in the same manner that we investigate all other reported criminal acts. We inform the public through the news media and public education programs.

Question: What should the public do if they are either the victim or the witness of a hate crime?

Answer: They should report it to the police immediately as they would any other criminal act.