




# HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

## INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE:</b>	April 23, 2021
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Year End Report – Hate/ Bias Crimes 2020
<b>REPORT NUMBER:</b>	21-042
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Hamilton Police Service Hate Crime Unit annually completes a report which summarizes the previous year's hate and bias related incidents, that have taken place in our community. This statistical report includes all the incidents reported to the Hamilton Police Service in the year 2020.

### INFORMATION

The Hate Crime Unit operates as part of the Intelligence Branch in the Investigative Services Division. The Hate Crime Unit was established in 2003 and their mandate is to investigate incidents where hate or bias has been identified as a precipitating component in the commission of a criminal offence or in an incident affecting the wider community.

The Hamilton Police Hate Crime Statistical Report is an annual report that provides statistical data about criminal offences that are committed against persons or property and are motivated by the victim's race, religion, ethnicity, colour, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, age, gender identity or expression, or other similar factors".

This report explains the mandate for the Hamilton Police Service Hate Crime Unit and the data based on hate crime reported to the Hamilton Police Service from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

In 2020, there were a total of 80 hate / bias incidents reported to the Hamilton Police Service. This number represents both the hate / bias incidents and criminal offences.

In comparison to 2019, this represents a decrease of 13.1 percent.

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In 2020, the Hamilton Police Service launched a new online hate / bias reporting system, to allow our citizens to file a report online. A total of 108 reports were submitted using this new tool, with 22 of these reports meeting the criteria for Hate / Bias reporting.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED:**

Appendix A - 2020 Hate/Bias Statistical Report

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