

HATE CRIME DATA COLLECTION

The FBI collects hate crime data regarding criminal offenses motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against **race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity**. Bias is to be reported *only* if the investigation reveals sufficient objective facts leading a reasonable and prudent person to conclude the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias.

It is the responsibility of the responding officer to determine whether there is any indication the offender was motivated by bias. If so, the incident should be reviewed by a second-level officer/unit to review the facts and make a determination of whether a hate crime has actually occurred. If so, the incident is to be reported as a bias-motivated crime.

Illinois Compiled Statute (720 ILCS 5/12-7.1 Hate Crime) states: A person commits a hate crime when, by reason of the actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, citizenship, immigration status, or national origin of another individual or group of individuals he or she commits assault, battery, aggravated assault, intimidation, stalking, cyberstalking, misdemeanor theft, criminal trespass to residence, misdemeanor criminal damage to property, criminal trespass to vehicle, criminal trespass to real property, mob action, disorderly conduct, transmission of obscene messages, harassment by telephone, or harassment through electronic communications.

FBI Hate Crime Guide and Manual

The FBI Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines and Training Manual provides greater detail on the reporting requirements. This is located on the Illinois NIBRS Repository (INR) Production and Test sites as well as the Illinois State Police web page under Uniform Crime Reporting.

Submission of the Supplemental Hate Crime Report

A supplemental Hate Crime Report must be submitted in the Illinois NIBRS Repository (INR) Production site when:

- The bias is not reported within a Group A incident report, or;
- The bias was part of a Group B arrest report, or;
- The bias was part of a Group B offense that was NOT reported because no arrest occurred.

If an agency does not have anything that meets the reporting criteria, a Hate Crime Zero Report must be submitted each month.