

MINNEOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: BIAS MOTIVATED INCIDENT RESPONSE

1.0 **PURPOSE:**

It is the purpose of this General Order to establish policy and procedure for the investigation of bias motivated crime.

2.0 **POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Minneota Police Department to ensure that rights guaranteed by state laws and the U.S. Constitution are protected for all citizens regardless of their race, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability or sexual orientation.

A bias motivated incident is an act or threatened or attempted act by any person or group of persons against the person or property of the protected individual or group which may in any way constitute an expression of hostility. This includes threatening phone calls, hate mail, physical assaults, vandalism, cross burnings, fire bombings, etc.

3.0 **PROCEDURE:**

3.1 Patrol Officer: When a patrol officer arrives on the scene and determines that the incident may be a bias motivated incident, he/she will:

3.1.1 Protect the crime scene.

3.1.2 Stabilize the victim, and render necessary first aid.

3.1.3 Attempt to apprehend the perpetrator.

3.1.4 Notify his/her supervisor.

3.1.5 Conduct a preliminary investigation.

3.1.6 Take steps to prevent the incident from escalating.

3.1.7 Provide assistance to the victim.

3.1.8 Prepare a Supplemental Report.