

## **What is a Hate Crime?**

A crime motivated by racial, sexual, or other prejudice. A perpetrator targeting a victim because of his or her perceived membership in a certain social group, usually defined by race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, class, ethnicity, nationality, age, gender, gender identity, social status, or political affiliation.

The Hartford Police Department tracks all crimes that occur within the City of Hartford. This tracking is conducted so that HPD can identify problem areas within the City and coordinate a combined effort between the Patrol Division and the LGBTQ Liaison aimed at increasing patrol visibility and/or the LGBTQ Liaison's ability to reduce these incidents. The FBI also mandates statistical crime reporting from every law enforcement agency in the United States.

