



## RESPONSE, VICTIM ASSISTANCE, AND FOLLOW-UP TO HATE CRIMES 9415-1

### OVERVIEW

Department members will continuously work to build and strengthen relationships with the community, engage in dialogue, and provide education to the community about this policy. Department personnel are also encouraged to learn about the inherent issues concerning their communities in relation to hate crimes.

Although hate incidents are not criminal events, they can be indicators of, or precursors to, hate crimes. Hate incidents should be investigated and documented as part of an overall strategy to prevent hate crimes.

First responding officers should know the role of all office personnel as they relate to the department's investigation of hate crimes and/or incidents. Responding officers should evaluate the need for additional assistance.

### DEFINITION(S)

### PERSON / PROGRAM AND ACTIONS

Person / Program	Actions
Sacramento Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Report hate crimes to the California Department of Justice.</li></ul>
Peace Officer's Supervisor	<p>Shall confer with the initial responding officer and take reasonable steps to ensure that necessary preliminary actions have been taken. The supervisor shall request any appropriate personnel necessary to accomplish the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide immediate assistance to the crime victim</li><li>Ensure relevant facts are documented and make an initial determination as to whether the incident should be classified as a hate crime</li><li>Notify appropriate personnel in the chain of command</li><li>In cases of large-scale hate crime waves, consider directing resources to protect vulnerable sites</li></ul>



Person / Program	Actions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verify hate crimes are being properly reported</li><li>• Respond to and properly initiate an investigation of any report of hate crimes committed under the color of authority</li><li>• Activate the California Department of Justice hate crime rapid response protocol if necessary (DOJ website)</li><li>• Verify reporting of any suspected multi-mission extremist crimes to the Sacramento Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement</li><li>• Determine as to whether the incident should be classified as a hate crime and forward to the Sacramento Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement for reporting purposes</li></ul>
<b>Peace Officer (Pursuant to Penal Code 830.2)</b>	<p>Take preliminary actions reasonably deemed necessary, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use agency Hate Crime checklist</li><li>• Stabilize the victim</li><li>• Protect the safety of victims, witnesses, and perpetrators</li><li>• Protect, preserve, and process the crime scene</li><li>• Collect and photograph evidence</li><li>• Identify criminal evidence</li><li>• Request translators or interpreters when needed to establish effective communication with witnesses, victims, or others as appropriate</li><li>• Conduct a preliminary investigation and record pertinent information in accordance with Policy 9480, Reports and Documentation<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Identity of suspected perpetrators</li><li>2. Identity of witnesses, including those no longer at scene</li><li>3. The offer of victim confidentiality</li><li>4. Statements made by suspects; exact wording is critical, prior occurrences, in this area or with this victim</li><li>5. The victim's protected characteristics and determine if bias was a</li></ol></li></ul>



Person / Program	Actions
	<p>motivation “in whole or in part” in the commission of the crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Document any suspected multi-mission extremist crimes</li></ul>

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**RELATED FORM(S) / LINK(S)**

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[California Department of Justice – Hate Crimes and Incidents](#)  
[CRD Hate, Violence and Civil Rights Fact Sheet 2022](#)  
[Hate Crimes Checklist](#)

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**SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT(S)**

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[Fire Protection, Law Enforcement](#)

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