

**HATE ACTIVITY IN PENNSYLVANIA**

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GOOD AFTERNOON.

MY NAME IS HOMER C. FLOYD AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. WITH ME TODAY ARE: RICHARD B. ANLIOT, OUR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, HIS ASSISTANT ANN VAN DYKE AND CARL SUMMERSON, A HEARING EXAMINER WHO ALSO WORKS WITH TENSION AND HATE CRIME ISSUES. WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR TODAY TO DISCUSS THE SERIOUS ISSUES OF INCREASING HATE ACTIVITY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

INTRODUCTION.

THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION IS THE STATE AGENCY CHARGED WITH ENFORCING THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT AND THE PENNSYLVANIA FAIR EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES ACT WHICH PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND EDUCATION. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR

FOSTERING POSITIVE INTERGROUP RELATIONS AND FOR RESPONDING TO AND ADDRESSING TENSION SITUATIONS, HOLDING INVESTIGATORY HEARINGS IN RACIAL AND ETHNIC TENSION SITUATIONS, AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

THE PHRC HAS BEEN SEEING AN INCREASE IN HATE-BASED ACTIVITY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO DISTINGUISH THREE BASIC TYPES OF HATE ACTIVITY. THE FIRST TYPE IS HATE CRIMES, CRIMINAL ACTS MOTIVATED BY RACIAL, ETHNIC OR RELIGIOUS ANIMUS. THE SECOND TYPE IS TENSION INCIDENTS. THESE INCIDENTS MAY INVOLVE CRIMINAL ACTS, BUT MAY ALSO BE NON-CRIMINAL, SUCH AS HATE SPEECHES, DEMONSTRATIONS, DISTRIBUTION OF HATE LITERATURE, NAME-CALLING, OR OTHER HOSTILE OR PROVOCATIVE ACTION WHICH CREATES COMMUNITY TENSION. THE THIRD TYPE IS ACTIVITY BY ORGANIZED HATE GROUPS.

WHILE SOME HATE GROUP ACTIVITY IN PENNSYLVANIA HAS BEEN CRIMINAL IN NATURE, MUCH OF THE REPORTED HATE

GROUP ACTIVITY DOES NOT INVOLVE CRIMES. THESE NON-CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE CIRCULATION OF DEROGATORY LITERATURE, CROSS BURNINGS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE ETHNIC INTIMIDATION ACT HAS MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN PENNSYLVANIA BY PROVIDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WITH A VEHICLE FOR PROSECUTION. THIS LAW RAISES THE DEGREE OF OFFENSE, AND INCREASES PENALTIES, FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BECAUSE OF RACIAL, RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC ANIMUS. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ARE TAKING BIAS-BASED CRIMES MORE SERIOUSLY, AND THEIR MANDATORY REPORTS ARE HELPING US GET A PERSPECTIVE ON THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM. HOWEVER, SOME LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ARE NOT REPORTING ALL INCIDENTS.

WE FIND THAT HATE ACTIVITY OCCURS IN A BROADER CONTEXT. WE ARE SEEING A CLIMATE WHERE PUBLIC LEADERS AS WELL AS EVERYDAY PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE IN

REGULARLY EXPRESSING INTOLERANCE TOWARD MEMBERS OF CERTAIN GROUPS.

WHEN PUBLIC FIGURES CASUALLY USE RACIAL EPITHETS OR SCAPEGOAT CERTAIN GROUPS FOR PROBLEMS IN THE ECONOMY, WHEN RACIAL, RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC INTOLERANCE IS ACCEPTED OR EXCUSED, WE CREATE A CLIMATE WHERE SOME PEOPLE FEEL FREE TO ACT OUT THEIR INTOLERANCE.

FOR EXAMPLE, EARLIER THIS YEAR, THERE WERE TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN PHILADELPHIA WHERE AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES MOVING INTO WHITE AREAS WERE SUBJECTED TO HARASSMENT, THREATS AND VANDALISM. BOTH FAMILIES WERE DRIVEN OUT OF THESE NEIGHBORHOODS. THE POLICE AND THE PHILADELPHIA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS CORRECTLY TREATED THESE INCIDENTS AS SERIOUS CRIMES. HOWEVER, WHEN NEIGHBORS WERE INTERVIEWED BY THE PRESS, MANY SAID THEY FELT THE BLACK FAMILIES DID NOT BELONG THERE. "THE OWNER SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT KIND OF NEIGHBORHOOD THIS IS," SAID ONE PERSON. ANOTHER

HAD SAID TO THE VICTIM, "NOT OUT OF DISRESPECT, BUT WHY DID YOU MOVE HERE? YOU DON'T BELONG HERE." THESE PEOPLE DID NOT COMMIT HATE CRIMES, BUT THEY HELP CREATE A CLIMATE WHERE THOSE WHO COMMIT HATE CRIMES FEEL JUSTIFIED.

THERE ARE ALSO PEOPLE OF COURAGE WHO SPEAK OUT AGAINST INTOLERANCE. UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR CONCERNS ARE OFTEN TRIVIALIZED BY THE MEDIA AS EFFORTS TO IMPOSE "POLITICAL CORRECTNESS." IF WE ARE GOING TO SEEK SOLUTIONS FOR HATE ACTIVITY, WE NEED TO CHALLENGE INTOLERANCE WHEREVER IT APPEARS.

THE CURRENT CLIMATE ALSO INCLUDES EFFORTS TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES. SOME OF THE PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS INTOLERANCE HAVE BEEN REDUCED OR ELIMINATED, AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL. THIS MAY REDUCE OUR ABILITY AS A SOCIETY TO ADDRESS HATE ACTIVITY.

AT THIS POINT, I AM GOING TO TURN THIS OVER TO SOME OF MY STAFF MEMBERS, WHO WILL DISCUSS THE DATA, AND PHRC ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF HATE ACTIVITY. THEN I WILL COME BACK TO DISCUSS OTHER SUGGESTED APPROACHES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

RICHARD B. ANLIOT WILL DISCUSS DATA ON REPORTED HATE CRIMES, TENSION INCIDENTS AND ORGANIZED HATE GROUPS. THEN HE WILL START THE DISCUSSION OF RESPONSES BY TALKING ABOUT THE PENNSYLVANIA INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON TENSION. CARL SUMMERSON WILL DISCUSS POLICE TRAINING, AND ANN VAN DYKE WILL TALK ABOUT RESPONSE TO TENSION INCIDENTS, COMMUNITY TRAINING, AND UNITY GROUPS.

THEN I WILL RETURN TO DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS.



## TESTIMONY OF RICHARD B. ANLIOT

### HATE CRIMES

THE MOST RECENT TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF MONITORING VIOLATIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA'S HATE CRIMES OR ETHNIC INTIMIDATION LAW WAS FISCAL YEARS 1993-94 THROUGH 1994-95. THE DATA REVEALS THAT:

1. DURING THE MOST RECENT TWO-YEAR PERIOD, FISCAL YEARS 1993-94 THROUGH 1994-95, PENNSYLVANIA HAD 622 HATE CRIMES IN 35, OR OVER HALF (52%) OF ITS 67 COUNTIES.

2. AS EXPECTED, THE TWO METROPOLITAN COUNTIES OF THE STATE, PHILADELPHIA AND ALLEGHENY, HAD THE MOST HATE CRIMES, 51% AND 19% RESPECTIVELY. THE OTHER COUNTIES WITH AT LEAST 10 HATE CRIMES INCLUDED THE PHILADELPHIA SUBURBS OF DELAWARE WITH 12, AND MONTGOMERY WITH 36. AMONG CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES, YORK HAD 20 HATE CRIMES AND LANCASTER 24.

3. ALMOST TWO-THIRDS (65%) OR 464 OF THE VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES WERE MALE, AND 253 OF THE VICTIMS WERE FEMALE.

4. ALMOST HALF (51%) OF THE HATE CRIME VICTIMS WERE BLACK, WHITES WERE 23%, LATINOS WERE 12%, JEWS WERE 9%, AND ASIANS WERE 5%. FROM OTHER REPORTS THERE IS EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT UNDER-REPORTING OF HATE CRIMES, EXPECIALLY OF CRIMES BECAUSE OF THE SEXUAL ORIENTATION OF THE VICTIM.

5. ALTHOUGH THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF HATE CRIME VICTIMS (29%) WERE BETWEEN 11 AND 20 YEARS OF AGE, ALMOST HALF (47%) WERE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 21 AND 40.

6. MALES WERE THE GREAT MAJORITY (91%) OR 743, OF HATE CRIME OFFENDERS, BUT 9%, OR 73, WERE FEMALES.

7. OFFENDERS IN HATE CRIMES WERE FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUPS. ALTHOUGH THE MAJORITY (75%) WERE WHITE, BLACKS WERE 22%, LATINOS 2%, AND ASIANS 1%.

8. ALMOST TWO-THIRDS (64%) OR 392, OF HATE CRIME OFFENDERS WERE BETWEEN 11 AND 20 YEARS OF AGE. SCHOOL-AGED 11- TO 15-YEAR-OLDS ACCOUNTED FOR 93, OR 15%, OF THE HATE CRIMES.

9. THE MOST FREQUENT UNDERLYING CRIMINAL OFFENSES OF HATE CRIMES WERE SIMPLE AND AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS (24%), CRIMINAL MISCHIEF OR VANDALISM (25%), HARASSMENT (16%) AND TERRORISTIC THREATS (12%).

10. THE CONSEQUENCES OF HATE CRIMES INCLUDED EXTENSIVE INJURIES AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. IN 158 HATE CRIMES REPORTED THERE WAS PROPERTY DAMAGE; IN 100 THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT INJURIES TO THE VICTIMS.

## TENSION ACTIVITY

PHRC STATISTICS ON REPORTED TENSION AND HATE ACTIVITY FOR THE 1995-96, SHOWED A 12 PERCENT INCREASE IN TENSION AND HATE ACTIVITY. A COPY OF THIS REPORT IS ATTACHED TO THIS TESTIMONY AS ATTACHMENT A.

OVERALL, OUR COMMISSION HAS SEEN A RISE IN TENSION AND HATE ACTIVITY WITH 203 REPORTED RACIAL TENSION SITUATIONS THIS FISCAL YEAR OVER LAST YEAR'S 181 TOTAL. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN AN INCREASE IN HATE ACTIVITY BY ORGANIZED HATE GROUPS IN THE STATE.

IN FISCAL YEAR 1994-95, 39 INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION THAT INVOLVED ORGANIZED HATE GROUPS. IN FISCAL YEAR 1995-96, THIS NUMBER ROSE TO 60 WHICH REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 54 PERCENT.

THE LOCATION WHERE HATE ACTIVITY OCCURRED MOST OFTEN WAS IN THE COMMONWEALTH'S SCHOOLS WHICH INVOLVED 33 DIFFERENT SITUATIONS REPRESENTING 16 PERCENT OF THE TENSION INCIDENTS. OTHER LOCATIONS

WERE: HOUSING (30 INCIDENTS, 14 PERCENT); PUBLIC STREETS (27 INCIDENTS, 13 PERCENT); DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE (22 INCIDENTS, 11 PERCENT); HARASSING OR THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS (15 INCIDENTS, EIGHT PERCENT); AND, AT GOVERNMENT OFFICES (14 INCIDENTS, EIGHT PERCENT).

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN WHICH AFRICAN AMERICANS AND NON-WHITES WERE TARGETED WAS 132 (65 PERCENT), AND JEWS WERE INCLUDED AS TARGETS IN 91 (45 PERCENT) OF THE TOTAL INCIDENTS.

IN 60 OF THESE INCIDENTS (30 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL), WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUPS WERE INVOLVED.

OF THE TENSION INCIDENTS REPORTED TO PHRC, 46 PERCENT INVOLVED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY THAT INCLUDED SERIOUS THREAT TO PERSONAL SAFETY WITH ALLEGATIONS OF ASSAULT, TERRORISTIC THREATS, RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT, ARSON, KIDNAPPING AND ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE.

THESE TENSION SITUATIONS ARE JUST THE TIP OF AN EVER-INCREASING PROBLEM OF INTOLERANCE AND HATE

GROWING IN OUR OWN BACKYARDS. WE SEE IT IN PENNSYLVANIA AS WELL AS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE NOT BE TEMPTED TO DENY THE PROBLEM.

WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUPS

FOR MANY YEARS, I HAVE BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. AS RECENTLY AS SEVEN YEARS AGO I COULD HAVE COUNTED ON THE FINGERS OF ONE HAND THE NUMBER OF WHITE SUPREMACIST ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA. AS OF LAST AUGUST WE ARE ABLE TO NAME 48 WHITE SUPREMACIST ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ACTIVE DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. A LIST OF THESE GROUPS, THEIR ACTIVITIES BY DATE AND PLACE IS ATTACHED TO THIS TESTIMONY AS ATTACHMENT B. THESE HATE GROUPS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN 62 PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITIES IN THE PAST TWO FISCAL YEARS, 1994-95 AND 1995-96. EIGHTEEN (18) OF THESE GROUPS ARE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. SKINHEADS HAVE HAD ACTIVITIES IN 14 COMMUNITIES. THESE SKINHEAD ACTIVITIES

HAVE INCLUDED VIOLATIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA'S HATE CRIMES LAW, INCLUDING ASSAULT AS WELL AS HARASSMENT AND TERRORISTIC THREATS. THE BALANCE OF THESE 48 GROUPS ARE NEITHER KKK NOR SKINHEAD ORGANIZATIONS, BUT THEIR BELIEFS ARE CLEARLY WHITE SUPREMACIST. THREE OF THESE INDEPENDENT GROUPS REFER TO THEMSELVES AS CHURCHES IN WHICH THEIR MINISTERS PREACH THE GOSPEL OF HATE.

THE BELIEFS OF ALL THESE GROUPS INCLUDE THAT WHITES ARE THE ONLY CHILDREN OF GOD AND ARE SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHER RACES, THAT ALL NON-WHITES ARE "MUD PEOPLE," THAT JEWS ARE THE CHILDREN OF SATAN, AND THAT ALL IMMIGRANTS AND JEWS SHOULD GO BACK WHERE THEY CAME FROM. MANY USE BIBLE QUOTES AS THEIR RATIONALE. MANY PREDICT AND ADVOCATE A RACIAL HOLY WAR FOR WHICH ALL MUST PREPARE, AND FOR WHICH ALL MUST HOLD ON TO THEIR GUNS AND BE TRAINED FOR THOSE FATEFUL DAYS.

AS TO WHETHER THOSE WHO BELONG TO THESE GROUPS ARE THE OFFENDERS IN HATE CRIMES, IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW

BECAUSE MEMBERS OF KU KLUX KLANS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE THE OPTION OF KEEPING THEIR MEMBERSHIP SECRET. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THESE HATE GROUPS PROVIDE THE RATIONALE AND MOTIVATION FOR COMMITTING HATE CRIMES.

WE HAVE ATTACHED AS ATTACHMENT C TO THIS TESTIMONY EXAMPLES OF HATE GROUP MATERIALS WHICH HAS CIRCULATED IN PENNSYLVANIA.

INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON CIVIL TENSION

CREATED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON CIVIL TENSION HAS MET MONTHLY FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS. AS PHRC'S DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES I SERVE AS THE COORDINATOR. MY OFFICE PROVIDES THE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THIS TASK FORCE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TASK FORCE IS FOR ITS MEMBERS TO JOINTLY INVESTIGATE AND MONITOR COMMUNITY TENSION SITUATIONS THAT MIGHT INVOLVE RACIAL, RELIGIOUS OR NATIONALITY CONFLICT, IMPLEMENT INTER-AGENCY PLANS TO DEAL WITH THE



CAUSES OF SUCH TENSION, AND ASSIST LOCAL POLICE AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES IN DEALING WITH THESE PROBLEMS.

EVERY TENSION TASK FORCE MEETING INCLUDES A MONTHLY REVIEW OF INCIDENTS OF INTERGROUP TENSION FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE BASED UPON DIFFERENCES OF RACE, RELIGION, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. EACH MEETING SUMMARIZES TRAINING THAT HAS BEEN CONDUCTED FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COLLEGE TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, CHURCHES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES REGARDING THE STATE'S ETHNIC INTIMIDATION LAW, HATE GROUPS, AND WHAT INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS CAN DO TO REDUCE CRIMES OF HATE AND THE PREJUDICE THAT CAUSES UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION AND INTERGROUP TENSION.

THE CORE GROUP OF THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING STATE AGENCIES THAT HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING INTERGROUP RELATIONS:

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON LATINO AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
AFFAIRS

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

ADDITIONAL FEDERAL, REGIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL MEMBERS

INCLUDE THE:

COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH

PENNSYLVANIA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION

PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

PHILADELPHIA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

THE INFORMATION SHARED AT THE MEETINGS OF THE TASK  
FORCE HAS PROVEN TO BE SO VALUABLE TO OTHER FEDERAL,  
STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES THAT THESE MEETINGS HAVE  
INVOLVED THE PARTICIPATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI)

U.S. ATTORNEY, PITTSBURGH AND PHILADELPHIA

DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL, HARRISBURG

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS

INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS

PENNSYLVANIA JEWISH COALITION

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

YORK COUNTY SHERIFF

## TESTIMONY OF CARL H. SUMMERSON

### POLICE TRAINING

TO ASSURE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ETHNIC INTIMIDATION ACT, CONCENTRATED EFFORTS BEGAN IN THE MID-1980'S TO PROVIDE TRAINING ON THE SUBJECT OF ETHNIC INTIMIDATION. MANY POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND NUMEROUS CORRECTIONS FACILITIES WERE GIVEN FREE TRAINING ON THE SUBJECTS OF ETHNIC INTIMIDATION AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY. THIS EXTENSIVE TRAINING WAS BEING CONDUCTED BY TRAINING TEAMS COMPOSED OF PHRC STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON CIVIL TENSION PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND THE STATE POLICE. THE TRAINING ON THESE SUBJECTS WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

IN 1992, A DECISION WAS MADE TO DEVELOP A MANDATORY COURSE ON THE SUBJECT OF ETHNIC INTIMIDATION. THIS COURSE WAS DEVELOPED BY THE

MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER'S EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF PHRC STAFF. THUS, DURING 1993, EVERY POLICE OFFICER IN THE COMMONWEALTH RECEIVED 3 HOURS OF MANDATORY TRAINING ON ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CRIME OF ETHNIC INTIMIDATION. SINCE THAT TIME, THERE IS SOME TRAINING CONDUCTED ON ETHNIC INTIMIDATION FOR POLICE, BUT IT IS NOT NECESSARILY AS COMPREHENSIVE AS THE 1993 TRAINING, NOR DO ALL NEW OFFICERS RECEIVE THIS TRAINING.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO SUGGEST THAT IT IS ONCE AGAIN TIME TO REVIVE TRAINING ON THE SUBJECT OF ETHNIC INTIMIDATION. SUCH TRAINING IS CLEARLY NEEDED FOR NEWLY HIRED OFFICERS AND MANY AGREE THAT ALL OFFICERS SHOULD HAVE A REVIEW ON THIS CRIME. A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRIME OF ETHNIC INTIMIDATION IS CONSIDERED TO BE INVALUABLE WHENEVER THERE IS CONSIDERATION OF WAYS TO ADDRESS THE SCOURGE OF HATE CRIMES IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

AS A NATURAL FOLLOW-UP TO MANDATORY TRAINING ON THE CRIME OF ETHNIC INTIMIDATION, IN 1994, THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER'S EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION DEVELOPED A 6 HOUR MANDATORY TRAINING COURSE ON THE SUBJECT OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY. THIS TRAINING BEGAN IN JANUARY 1995, AND WAS INTENDED TO PROVIDE POLICE OFFICERS ACROSS THE STATE WITH AN AWARENESS OF DIFFERENT CULTURAL GROUPS IN PENNSYLVANIA. THE TRAINING ALSO PRESENTED AN AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT THAT CULTURAL DIVERSITY HAS ON A POLICE OFFICER'S PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. CONVERSELY, THE COURSE DESIGN WAS ALSO INTENDED TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT OF A POLICE OFFICER'S PERFORMANCE OF DUTY HAS ON A VARIETY OF CULTURAL GROUPS. THE COURSE ALSO INTENDED TO ASSIST OFFICERS DEVELOP ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR EFFECTIVE INTERFACING WITH DIFFERING CULTURAL GROUPS.

## TESTIMONY OF ANN VAN DYKE

### TENSION RESPONSE AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

ONE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION IS TO PROVIDE TRAINING ON A WIDE RANGE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES AND TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES, WORKPLACES, AND SCHOOLS IN ADDRESSING INTERGROUP TENSION SITUATIONS. SOME TIMES THOSE TENSION SITUATIONS RESULT FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZED HATE GROUPS; SOME TIMES THEY RESULT FROM THE ACTS OF INTOLERANCE OF EVERYDAY PEOPLE. THIS TRAINING IS CONDUCTED BY STAFF IN OUR HEADQUARTERS, AND OUR PITTSBURGH, HARRISBURG, AND PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OFFICES.

WE RESPOND TO TENSION SITUATIONS IN A VARIETY OF WAYS INCLUDING: GATHERING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE INCIDENT, CONTACTING POLICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT CRIMINAL CHARGES AND ARRESTS, DETERMINING IF THE VICTIM HAS RECEIVED SUPPORT, OFFERING

TRAINING, ASSISTING IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, AND BY PROVIDING PRINTED RESOURCES.

THE MARKED INCREASE IN ALL KINDS OF HATE ACTIVITY IS REFLECTED IN THE KINDS OF REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING THAT WE RECEIVE. IN 1986 WE RECEIVED NO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN DEALING WITH HATE GROUPS. IN FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 WE WERE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE 124 SUCH PRESENTATIONS TO OVER 10,400 PEOPLE ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH.

WE BECOME AWARE OF HATE ACTIVITY THROUGH THE LOCAL AND STATE POLICE, LOCAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES, MEDIA REPORTS, SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND STAFF, CLERGY, CIVIC GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE COME PRIMARILY FROM MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, CLERGY, AND INCREASINGLY FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS.

A MARKED INCREASE IN HATE GROUP ACTIVITY BEGAN AROUND 1990, AS DID COMMUNITIES' EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE



AND KEEP HATE OUT OF TOWN. DURING THE LAST SIX YEARS WE HAVE ASSISTED 42 COMMUNITIES IN FORMING UNITY COALITIONS AND, IN ADDITION, HAVE ASSISTED MORE THAN 40 EXISTING LOCAL UNITY GROUPS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZING. THESE ARE VOLUNTEER CITIZENS GROUPS WHO UNDERSTAND THAT HATE GROUPS DO NOT CREATE TENSION OUT OF THIN AIR, BUT RATHER THEY FEED OFF THE FEARS AND BIASES OF EVERYDAY PEOPLE.

UNITY COALITION MEMBERSHIP SEEKS TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVERSITY OF THAT COMMUNITY AND SEEKS TO INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE POLICE, SCHOOL OFFICIALS, CIVIC GROUPS, THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY, AND YOUTH. THESE LOCAL UNITY COALITIONS UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE THE SHORT-TERM TASK OF FIGURING OUT WHAT TO DO THE DAY THE KLAN MARCHES THROUGH TOWN AND THE LONG-TERM TASK OF CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT THAT REJECTS BIGOTRY AND RESPECTS ALL PEOPLE. MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNITY COALITIONS ASSIST US IN MONITORING LOCAL

HATE ACTIVITY AND RESPONDING TO IT, IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO VICTIMS, IN EDUCATING THEIR COMMUNITY ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS, AND IN REACHING OUT TO THE DISENFRANCHISED WHO ARE THE MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO HATE GROUP RECRUITMENT. ATTACHED TO THIS TESTIMONY, AS ATTACHMENT D, ARE RESOURCES AND ADVICE WE USE IN COMMUNITY TRAINING.

THIS JUNE THE PUNXSUTAWNEY AREA UNITY COALITION HELD A DAY-LONG UNITY PICNIC WHILE THE KEYSTONE KNIGHTS OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN HELD AN "OPEN TO THE PUBLIC KKK FORUM" IN THE LOCAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. SINCE THE KLAN COULD NOT BE LEGALLY BARRED FROM USING A PUBLIC BUILDING, THE UNITY COALITION USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A LOUD AND CLEAR STATEMENT FOR EQUALITY, NON-VIOLENCE, AND EQUALITY. THE ATTENDANCE AT THE UNITY PICNIC OUTNUMBERED THE KLAN EVENT FOUR TO ONE.

EARLIER THIS JUNE THE COUDERSPORT AREA UNITY COALITION SPONSORED A COMMUNITY SEMINAR WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY 120 RESIDENTS OF THAT RURAL AREA. THEY REMAIN UNDAUNTED BY THE PRESENCE THAT EVENING AND THE AGGRESSIVE OPPOSITION OF A NATIONALLY-KNOWN WHITE SUPREMACIST LEADER WHOSE COMPOUND IS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.

DURING THIS LAST YEAR LEADERS OF SEVERAL OF THE LOCAL UNITY GROUPS FORMED THE PENNSYLVANIA NETWORK OF UNITY COALITIONS. WHILE THEIR STATED GOAL IS TO OPPOSE HATE VIA COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, THE STATEWIDE NETWORK MEMBERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE APATHY OF FELLOW CITIZENS AND DENIAL OF THE DEPTH OF THE PROBLEM MAY BE THEIR THE BIGGEST ENEMIES.

THE CORE OF OUR MESSAGE TO LOCAL UNITY COALITIONS IS THAT THEIR TASK IS TO TAKE AWAY THE FOOD SOURCE OF ORGANIZED HATE GROUPS; THEIR TASK IS TO FIGHT HATE BY BUILDING AND AFFIRMING EQUALITY, NON-VIOLENCE AND

DIVERSITY IN THEIR HOMES, IN THEIR WORKPLACES, IN THEIR  
SCHOOLS, AND ON THEIR STREETS. OUR MESSAGE IS THE  
TIMELESS AND TESTED CIVIL RIGHTS MESSAGE: IF THE REST OF  
US STAND TOGETHER, HATE GROUPS DON'T STAND A CHANCE.

## TESTIMONY OF HOMER C. FLOYD

### ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

AS OUR TESTIMONY HAS SHOWN, THERE IS BAD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS. THE BAD NEWS IS THE INCREASED HATE ACTIVITY. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS ACTIONS, BY STATE, FEDERAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND BY COMMUNITIES THEMSELVES TO ADDRESS HATE ACTIVITY AND THE INTOLERANCE WHICH GIVES RISE TO IT.

OUR SOCIETY HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY COMBATIVE. WE SEE IT IN AREAS OTHER THAN HATE CRIMES; IN OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO SETTLE DISPUTES BY REASON, IN INCREASED CRIME; IN TALK SHOWS WHICH ENCOURAGE CONFLICT; AND IN OTHER AREAS.

WHEN RACIAL, RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC BIAS ARE ADDED TO THIS CONFLICT-PRONE SITUATION, HATE ACTIVITY RESULTS. IT IS TIME FOR ALL OF US TO TONE DOWN OUR RHETORIC, AND TO FIND WAYS TO COME TOGETHER. WE NEED MORE DIALOGUE,

MORE INTERACTION AND MORE EFFORTS TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

ONE OF THE MOST DISTURBING ASPECTS OF THE INCREASE IN HATE ACTIVITY IS THE INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE. CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS ELEVEN HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN HATE ACTIVITY. YOUTH UNDER AGE 20 ARE ALMOST TWO-THIRDS OF THE OFFENDERS IN HATE CRIME. AND YOUTH ARE THE PRIME TARGETS OF HATE GROUPS. WE NEED TO INVOLVE SCHOOLS IN THE SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS. FIRST, SCHOOLS NEED TO CONTINUE WITH MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION. AS WE STRESS THE SO-CALLED "BASICS," WE STILL NEED TO BE AWARE THAT STUDENTS CANNOT LEARN IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF INTOLERANCE, AND THAT READING, MATH AND SCIENCE ARE NECESSARY, BUT NOT SUFFICIENT, FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP. SECOND, SCHOOLS NEED TO TEACH CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS. CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEER MEDIATION PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING AND RESOLVING CONFLICTS IN NON-VIOLENT WAYS. THIRD,

SCHOOLS NEED TO RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS SITUATIONS OF INTOLERANCE AND REPORT HATE CRIMES WHICH OCCUR IN SCHOOL AND SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES. SINCE THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S OFFICE OF SCHOOL EQUITY HAS BEEN DISBANDED, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER OFFICE TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA.

WE ALSO NEED TO CONTINUE IMPROVEMENTS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. MANDATORY TRAINING IN ETHNIC INTIMIDATION AND CULTURAL AWARENESS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO ALL NEW POLICE OFFICERS. REFRESHER TRAINING AND UPDATES SHOULD BE PROVIDED PERIODICALLY TO ALL POLICE. THIS TRAINING ALSO NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED TO OTHER SEGMENTS OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY: DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, DISTRICT JUSTICES, AND JUDGES. LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ALSO NEED TO RECEIVE AND SHARE INFORMATION ON ORGANIZED HATE GROUPS. WHILE RECOGNIZING THESE GROUPS FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS,

CRIMINAL ACTIONS, OR CONSPIRACIES TO COMMIT CRIMES NEED TO BE MONITORED AND REPORTED TO THE STATE POLICE.

THERE ARE ALSO PARTS OF THE ETHNIC INTIMIDATION ACT WHICH ARE UNDERUSED. SPECIFICALLY, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS SHOULD MAKE MORE USE OF THE AUTHORITY TO SEEK INJUNCTION RELIEF MORE OFTEN, ESPECIALLY IN CASES OF REPEATED HARASSMENT, THREATS OR VANDALISM. IN ADDITION, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS SHOULD BE ADVISING VICTIMS OF THEIR RIGHT TO BRING CIVIL ACTIONS AND PROVIDING OTHER VICTIM SERVICES.

UNFORTUNATELY, WHILE MANY POLICE ARE TAKING ETHNIC INTIMIDATION AND THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES VERY SERIOUSLY, THERE REMAIN SOME POLICE WHO MISUSE THEIR POWER IN ABUSIVE WAYS. POLICE ABUSE OF MINORITIES CREATES A CLIMATE IN WHICH OTHER HATE CRIMES CAN ALSO FLOURISH, AND MUST BE FIRMLY ADDRESSED. THERE ARE EFFORTS IN SEVERAL AREAS TO IMPROVE POLICE-COMMUNITY



RELATIONS. THESE EFFORTS MUST BE ENCOURAGED AND EXPANDED.

OUR TESTIMONY HAS PRIMARILY CONCENTRATED ON HATE ACTIVITY DIRECTED AT GROUPS WHICH ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE ETHNIC INTIMIDATION ACT AND THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT. HOWEVER, ANOTHER GROUP WHICH IS FREQUENTLY TARGET FOR HATE ACTIVITIES IS SEXUAL MINORITIES. A SURVEY IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA REPORTED 81 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULTS AGAINST GAYS AND LESBIANS IN 1995. SO-CALLED "GAY BASHING" IS ALSO ON THE INCREASE IN OTHER AREAS. AS ONE OF OUR HATE GROUP LITERATURE ATTACHMENTS SHOWS, ANTI-GAY RHETORIC IS OFTEN USED BY HATE GROUPS AS A WEDGE TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE; THEY THEN MOVE ON TO THEIR ANTI-BLACK, ANTI-IMMIGRANT, ANTI-JEWISH AND OTHER ANTI-TOLERANCE AGENDAS. PHRC SUPPORTS COVERING CRIMES BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION IN THE BIAS CRIME LAW.

WE ALSO NEED LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT IN PROVIDING SPECIFIC FUNDS TO ADDRESS HATE ACTIVITY. NOT ONLY DOES THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION NEED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR TENSION RESPONSE, COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND TRAINING, BUT ALSO OTHER AGENCIES NEED SPECIFIC RESOURCES FOR THIS PURPOSE, INCLUDING THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE STATE POLICE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. A RELATIVELY SMALL INVESTMENT IN THIS AREA COULD YIELD MAJOR RESULTS.

FINALLY, PUBLIC OFFICIALS NEED TO TAKE LEADERSHIP TO REJECT HATE AND INTOLERANCE WHEREVER IT APPEARS, WHETHER IN THE FORM OF HATE CRIMES OR EVERYDAY ACTS AND EXPRESSIONS OF BIGOTRY.

WE COMMEND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE FOR TAKING THIS IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD ADDRESSING HATE ACTIVITY IN PENNSYLVANIA. MY STAFF AND I ARE EAGER TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**REPORT ON HATE ACTIVITY**



## Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### PHRC ANNOUNCES HATE ACTIVITY INCREASES 12 PERCENT IN STATE LAST FISCAL YEAR

HARRISBURG (Aug. 15) -- After calculating fiscal year-end statistics, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC) reports a 12 percent increase in tension and hate activity.

"Overall, our Commission has seen a rise in tension and hate activity with 203 reported racial tension situations this fiscal year over last year's 181 total, as well as an increase in hate activity by organized hate groups in the state," said PHRC Executive Director Homer C. Floyd. "This represents a 12 percent increase over last year's reported tension incidents."

"In fiscal year 1994-95, 39 incidents were reported to the Commission that involved organized hate groups," Floyd explained. "In fiscal year 1995-96, this number rose to 60 which represents an increase of 54 percent.

"But on the other hand, we have seen an increase in the unity of our citizens who have organized to reject intolerance and embrace and respect diversity." Floyd looks to recent examples as a way to make his point:

- Volunteers from across the state are in the process of organizing a state-wide network of unity coalitions in an effort to provide continuity to the unity movement in the Commonwealth and provide additionally technical assistance to communities who are dealing with hate activity. Currently, there are 51 unity coalitions statewide.
- In early April, the Ku Klux Klan asked local high school officials for permission to use the school for an open public meeting. The people of this community rallied together and showed their opposition against the Klan and its messages of hate on the day of the meeting. In the end, approximately 100 people showed up for the Klan meeting, and about 50 of them were

protestors. And, at the same time at another site, 400 community people attended the Unity Day picnic.

- In June, a unity coalition sponsored a community seminar, which was attended by 120 local residents, in an area where a white supremacist compound has become increasingly aggressive in its opposition to the presence of the unity group.
- An active unity coalition returns to the street corners where the Klan has been holding monthly recruitment drives. Their goal is to take back their community one street corner at a time through a "Solidarity Against Hate."

Floyd noted that the Commission recently compiled the 1995-96 fiscal year-end statistics of the tension situations that were reported to PHRC. The location where hate activity occurred most often was in the Commonwealth's schools in 33 different situations which represented 16 percent. Other locations were: housing (30 incidents, 14 percent); public streets (27 incidents, 13 percent); distribution of literature (22 incidents, 11 percent); telephone calls (15 incidents, eight percent); and, at government offices (14 incidents, eight percent). See additional information on Chart A.

African Americans were the only targets in 59 (29 percent) of the incidents and Jews were the only targets in 30 (15 percent). Many incidents targeted more than one group. "Non-whites" and Jews were targeted in 29 (14 percent) of the incidents and non-Whites, Jews and immigrants were targeted in 25 (12 percent). The total number of incidents in which African Americans and non-Whites were targeted, including multiples, was 132 (65 percent), and Jews were included as targets in 91 (45 percent) total incidents. See additional information on Chart B.

The group most likely to be the alleged offenders were Whites as this group represented 59 percent of the total incidents and 85 percent of the incidents where the race of the offender was known. In 60 of these incidents (30 percent of the total), White Supremacist groups were involved. The identity of the offender in 32 percent of the situations was not known. See additional information on Chart C.

Although non-criminal offenses, such as the distribution of literature, represented the majority of incidents at 54 percent, 46 percent involved criminal activity that included serious threat to personal safety with allegations of assault, terroristic threats, reckless endangerment, arson, kidnapping and attempted homicide. See additional information on Chart D.

Floyd also noted that in a number of reported incidents last year, local police authorities were also able to bring charges of ethnic intimidation or institutional vandalism. Floyd said a final tally of how many is unknown at this time.

"These tension situations are just the tip of an ever-increasing problem of intolerance and hate growing in our own backyards," Floyd said. "We see it in Pennsylvania as well as all across the country. It is imperative that we not be tempted to deny the problem here just because no Black churches have been burned in Pennsylvania. The burning of churches is only one manifestation of racism in America. We are on notice that the climate is ripe in this state for hate crimes to increase in number and degree of violence."

Floyd is quick to point out while monitoring and reporting is better in Pennsylvania than in other states, we believe that many incidents still go unreported.

The Commission encourages victims and local authorities to report all racial and ethnic tension situations, hate crimes and hate group activity and violence to the police and to the Commission and to make use of the resources the Commission offers communities facing hate. "At the very minimum, we feel the total number of reported tension situations has the potential to increase in size if all incidents were reported," Floyd said.

"The substance of democracy is for all people to be safe and respected in their communities, in their schools, homes and in their workplaces," Floyd added. "But because these tension incidents are occurring in our schools and in our homes, this cuts to the very essence of person's existence.

"What we often see is that adults are saying the negative and biased words and are placing blame for an existing problem on a particular person or a group of people," Floyd said. "Our young people hear these hateful words and act out based on this hostility."

Floyd points out that the Commission does numerous training seminars on diversity, cultural awareness and has helped in the last five years to coordinate 51 unity coalitions in communities throughout the state. Many of these coalitions were formed because of the marked increase in hate activity. He also noted that one more significant step needs to be taken.

"There is no time like the present for everyone to demonstrate tolerance, civility and respect for others who appear to be different," Floyd said. "Our Commission urges our state and national leaders to act and speak responsibly: Too often, our

leaders' words of bias provide the rationale for everyday people to blame and harm others.

"It takes courage to speak up in the face of this hatred," Floyd concluded. "We see people of courage organizing all across the state in the face of bigotry and making a positive difference in their communities. American history tells us over and over that movements for equality, non-violence and diversity are more powerful than hatred," Floyd concluded. "We know that hatred weakens a community and we know that unity in diversity strengthens it."

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CHART A

Tension Situations by Location  
 July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

Location	1995-96 Total	Percent
Secondary Schools	33	16
Housing	30	14
Public Street	27	13
Distribute Literature	22	11
Telephone Calls	15	8
Police Department/Courthouse Borough Office	14	8
U.S. Mail/Internet	12	6
Auto/Bus	8	4
Professional Office	6	3
Places of Worship	5	2
Colleges/Universities	5	2
Religious Leader/Home	5	2
Place of Public Accommodation	5	2
Shopping Mall/Retail Store	4	2
Unity Seminar/Training Session	4	2
White Supremist Compound/ Rally/Meeting	4	2
Religious Camp	2	1
Community Center/Senior Citizen Center	2	1
Unknown	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>100</b>



CHART B

Targeted Groups in Tension Incidents  
July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

Category	1995-96 Total	Percent
African Americans	59	29
Jews	30	15
Non-White, Jewish	29	14
Non-White, Jewish, Immigrants	25	12
White	13	6
Multiple Bases	13	6
Black/White	8	4
Bi-racial	4	2
Religious Congregation	3	1
Religious Leaders	3	1
Latino	3	1
Non-White, Jewish, Unity Coalitions	2	1
Non-White, Jewish, Homosexuals	2	1
Jewish, Black	2	1
Asians	2	1
East Indian	1	1
Police	1	1
Catholics	1	1
Non-White	1	1
Jewish, White	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>100</b>

CHART C

Race/Ethnicity/Identity of Alleged Offenders  
 July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

Race/Ethnicity	1995-96 Total	Percent
White	118	59
Members of White Supremacist groups including Skinheads	(60)	(30)
Other Whites	(58)	(29)
Black	8	4
Latino	2	1
Asian	0	0
Police	4	2
School District	1	0
Multiple - Black/White	4	2
Multiple - Black/Asian	1	0
Unknown	65	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>100</b>

CHART D

Criminal Offenses in Tension Situations  
July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

Offense	1995-96 Total	Percent
Criminal mischief (vandalism)	44	21
Assault	13	6
Harassment by Communication	13	6
Terroristic Threats	8	4
Harassment	7	3
Criminal Conspiracy	2	1
Reckless endangerment	2	1
Arson	2	1
Attempted Homicide	1	1
Kidnapping	1	1
Unknown	2	1
SUB TOTAL	95	46
Non Criminal Offenses	108	54
TOTAL	203	100

CHART E

Tension Incidents by County\*  
July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

COUNTY	TOTAL	COUNTY	TOTAL
Adams	2	Huntingdon	1
Allegheny	10	Jefferson	11
Beaver	1	Lackawanna	1
Bedford	2	Lancaster	14
Berks	8	Lebanon	2
Blair	7	Luzerne	8
Bucks	3	Lycoming	1
Butler	6	Mercer	1
Cambria	3	Monroe	3
Carbon	1	Montgomery	23
Centre	3	Northampton	2
Chester	4	Perry	1
Clearfield	1	Philadelphia	38
Crawford	1	Pike	2
Cumberland	2	Potter	8
Dauphin	12	Schuylkill	2
Delaware	7	Westmoreland	3
Fayette	1	York	6
Franklin	2	TOTAL	203

\* If the county of interest is not listed, this indicates that there were no tension incidents reported to the Commission for Fiscal Year 1995-96.

**ATTACHMENT B**

**HATE GROUPS ACTIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

August 1, 1996

**Activities and Locations of 48 White Supremacist Groups  
in 62+ Pennsylvania Communities  
July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1996**

Prepared by  
Division of Education and Community Services  
Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Activity</u>
<b><u>KU KLUX KLAN</u></b>				
10/95	Bechtelsville White Knights	Hereford	Berks	Attended White Pride Day rally on private property. ●
6/96	" " " "	Boyertown	Berks	Distributed literature in hoods and robes.
9/94	Bens Creek Knight Riders	Penn College, Williamsport	Lycoming	Posters about 3 day rally co-sponsored with ++.
10/94	" " " "	Thomas Mills	Somerset	Co-sponsored 3 day rally with ++, 250 participants.
6/94	Berks County Pale Riders	Bechtelsville	Berks	Co-sponsored "White Pride Day" rally with ***, 200 participants, phone hate message.
1994	Confederate Knights	Bethlehem	Northampton	*

Sources: Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, Division of Education and Community Services

\*Southern Poverty Law Center, "Klanwatch Intelligence Report," March 1995

"Activities may include, but are not limited to, sponsoring or participating in rallies or marches, publishing newsletters or distributing literature, as well as criminal activity."

\*\*Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations

+ These 62 Pennsylvania communities are located in 30, or 45%, of Pennsylvania's counties.

++ The co-sponsors of this rally were the Keystone Knights and Invisible Empire KKK and Bens Creek Knight Riders.

\*\*\* The co-sponsors of this "White Pride Day" rally were the Keystone Knights, the Konfederated Ku Klux Klan of America, and the Mountain Church of Jesus Christ.

● Hosted by Aryan Nations on 10/14/95

Ku Klux Klan (continued)

6/96	International Keystone Knights of the KKK (continued)	Walston	Jefferson	Rally and cross burning on private property.
9/95	" " "	Boyertown	Berks	Distributed literature and attended unity meeting in robes.
7/95	Invincible Empire KKK	Chambersburg	Franklin	Visited and introduced themselves to police department.
11/95	" " "	Gettysburg	Adams	Distribution of literature.
4/95	" " "	Littlestown	Adams	Distributed literature.
5/95	" " "	Littlestown	Adams	Distributed literature in robes.
9/95	" " "	Littlestown	Adams	Distributed literature in robes.
8/94	" " "	Waynesboro	Franklin	Distributed literature.
10/94	Invisible Empire, Knights of the KKK	Thomas Mills	Somerset	Co-sponsored 3 day rally with ++, 250 participants.
9/94	" " "	Penn College, Williamsport	Lycoming	Posters about 3 day rally co-sponsored with ++.
3/96	" " "	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Recruitment on a playground.
10/95	Kew Kastle Kounty Knight Riders	Hereford	Berks	Attended White Pride Day rally on private property.●
6/94	Keystone Knights of KKK	Bechtelsville	Berks	Co-sponsored "White Pride Day" rally with ***, 200 participants.
2/95	" " " "	Boyertown	Berks	Distributed literature.

Ku Klux Klan (continued)

7/95	Knights of the KKK (cont'd)	Boyertown	Berks	Distribution of literature.
4/95	" "	Drexel Hill	Delaware	Broke windows, sent threatening notes, criminal mischief, harassment, ethnic intimidation. + + +
1/95	" "	E. Juniata	Blair	Distributed recruitment literature.
6/95	" "	Pottstown	Montgomery	Demonstration on steps of borough hall.
10/95	Ku Klux Klan	Gilbertsville	Montgomery	Distributed calling cards.
4/95	" "	Littlestown	Adams	Distributed business cards.
5/96	" "	Kirkland	Lancaster	Hate hot line and phone mailbox.
7/94	Revolutionary Knights of KKK	Lower Paxton Twp.	Dauphin	Distributed literature.
6/95	United Klans of America	Reading	Berks	Distributed calling cards, hate phone message.
11/94	White Knights of KKK	Boyertown	Berks	Distributed literature.
11/94	White Unity Peoples Klan	Biglerville	Adams	Established headquarters.
3/96	William Clarke Quantrill Nightriders of the KKK	Strasburg	Lancaster	Distributed recruitment literature.
10/95	" " "	Wakefield	Lancaster	Literature distribution in robes.

+ + + "Ethnic intimidation" is a section of the Pennsylvania crimes code which enhances the fines and/or imprisonment for committing selected crimes when motivated by hatred toward the race, color, religion, or national origin of another individual or group of individuals.



OTHERS

2/95	American Front	Springettsbury Twp., synagogue	York	Institutional vandalism, desecration, criminal conspiracy. Pig's head hung on door.
1994-95	American Workers Party	Bethlehem	Northampton	*
10/94	Aryan Nations	Thomas Mills	Somerset	Co-sponsored 3 day rally with ***, 250 participants.
8/95	Aryan Nation/Christian Identity/ Christian Posse Comitatus	Boyertown	Berks	30 present at unity meeting. Distributed newsletter.
8/95	" " "	Boyertown	Berks	Attempts to rent and threats to sue senior citizens center.
9/95	" " "	Boyertown	Berks	Held public forum.
1994	" " "	Hereford	Berks	*
8/95	" " "	Hereford	Berks	Rally on private property.
10/95	" " "	Hereford	Berks	Hosted "White Pride Rally" on private property.
12/94	Aryan Racial Loyalist Party	Wilkes-Barre	Luzerne	Distributed literature.
9/94	Aryanshahr Project	Harrisburg	Dauphin	*
10/94	Christian Identity/Church of Christ in Israel	Ulysses	Potter	Recruitment letter.
9/95	Christian Identity/Christian Posse Comitatus/Messiah's Militia/ Yahwistic Assembly	Austin	Potter	Letter to pastor warning him to stop unity activity.
9/95	" " "	Coudersport	Potter	Went to home of unity worker to warn him to stop unity activity.
9/95	" " "	Coudersport	Potter	Letter to pastors warning them to stop unity activity.

**Others (continued)**

3/96	National Socialist White People's Party (cont'd)	Hanover High School	York	Criminal mischief, ethnic intimidation, institutional vandalism.
4/96	" " "	Hanover	York	Distributed newsletter.
11/94	N.S.S.U.-National Socialist Students' Union	University of Pittsburgh Campus	Allegheny	Distribution of anti-Black literature.
3/95	New Order - NSDAP/AO	Greensburg	Westmoreland	Distributed newspaper and hate stickers.
7/95	Pottstown Schutz Staffel NSDAP/AO	Pottstown	Montgomery	Criminal mischief - stickers on utility poles.
3/96	Pottstown Schutz-Staffel	Pottstown	Montgomery	Posting of hate literature on light poles.
11/94	The New Front	East Stroudsburg University	Monroe	Neo-Nazi graffiti in dorms.
11/94	USA Nationalist Party	Bloomsburg	Columbia	Distributed calling cards.
1994	" " "	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Distributed literature, graffiti. **
8/94	" " "	Shamokin	Northumberland	Newspaper interview.
9/94	" " "	Turbotville	Northumberland	Distributed literature.
8/95	United Facist Union	Wilkes-Barre	Luzerne	Distribution of literature.
12/95	" " "	Wilkes-Barre	Luzerne	Harassment by communication, ethnic intimidation.
12/95	" " "	Wilkes-Barre	Luzerne	Racist letter to the editor.
10/95	White Aryan Resistance	Hereford	Berks	Attended White Pride Day rally on private property.●
1994	White House Network	Harrisburg	Dauphin	*

**ATTACHMENT C**

**EXAMPLES OF HATE GROUP LITERATURE**

# ARYAN NATIONS

## Platform for the *Aryan National State*

**Preamble:** To reestablish the sanctity of the individual and to make available to all of our Racial Nation the opportunity of full liberty; to be the makers of their own destiny and exercise their own right of self-determination within the framework of God's eternal, natural Law Order.

**Article (I)** Only Aryans (White Race) are allowed citizenship of the nation, and only citizens can:

- 1) vote and own property within the nation's borders.
- 2) conduct business, possess (keep) and bear arms.
- 3) hold office in government, industry, or society.
- 4) comprise military or law enforcement personnel.
- 5) be free of all taxation other than a voluntary 10 percent yearly tithe upon net increase in wealth over previous year.
- 6) receive loans without interest charges.
- 7) have equal rights and duties.
- 8) be free men to perform mental or physical work as they choose.

**Article (II)** Non-citizens can live in the Republic but only under the custodianship of a citizen.

**Article (III)** All hybrids called Jews are to be repatriated from the Republic's territory, all their wealth be redistributed to restore our people, and it shall be a capital offense to advocate or promote Jew Talmudic anti-Christ Communism in any manner or any other crimes against nature.

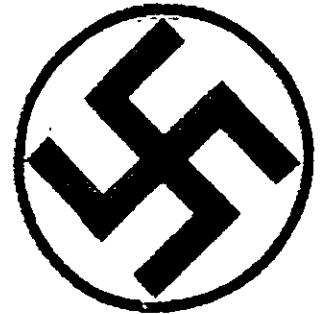
**Article (IV)** All Talmudism (Judaism), devil and heathen religions and practices end immediately, and there be an encouragement of the expansion of TRUE POSITIVE CHRISTIANITY.

**Article (V)** There be a thorough reconstruction and local citizen, parental responsibility and control of the educational process in order that the curriculum will be brought into line with the requirements of practical life, and that there be a renaissance of White Aryan Heritage, Arts, Sciences, and Humanities.

**Article (VI)** A creditable news media be established for the betterment of the people by:

- 1) requiring all editors, writers, actors, broadcasters, and all having any part in the media to be citizens.
- 2) not allowing the circulation of non-White media except by permission of the government, and then only with appropriate comments from Aryan cultural viewpoint.
- 3) forbidding the publication, broadcasting, televising, or circulation of any material which is not conducive to the National welfare.

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- Western Christian Culture
- The American Constitutional  
REPUBLIC
- Private Property and Free  
Enterprise with SOCIAL  
JUSTICE for all!

*To Achieve These  
Goals We Fight*

**AGAINST**

- RACE-MIXING
- TREASON: Communist and  
Zionist
- DEGENERACY: Moral and  
Physical
- EXPLOITATION of the  
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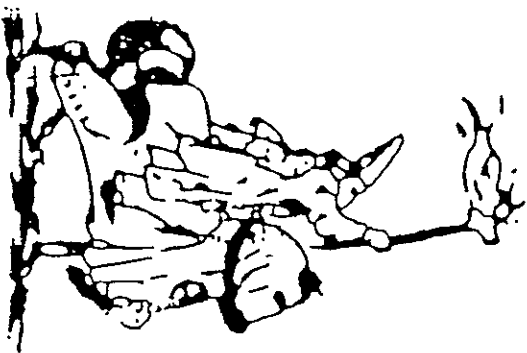
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# RACE MIXING IS DEATH!



The White Race is shrinking and dying. It is being killed by low birth rate and race mixing. When a White person copulates with a non-white their children will be non-white. If this race mixing trend continues it will be only a matter of time until America sinks into a monkey jungle of mixed races. There will be no White people left to remember that the White Race ever existed. Take a look around your own city at the mongrel civilization that America is becoming. We are being over run and taken over by non-whites.

With the help of politicians who can't see the future beyond the voting booth and the dollar sign, America is rapidly becoming a third world country as thousands of non-whites pour across our borders everyday. We are being pushed out of our own land and losing our rights and freedom to strange people with strange cultures while our territories are being invaded.

No country in history has ever survived as a race mixed nation but have succumbed from the infection and disease of race poisoning. Egypt and Rome were once great White empires. Remember San Domingo now Haiti, Rhodesia now Zimbabwe. South Africa will soon fall and never to rise again as a White controlled nation.

If our railroads, highways, bridges, cities, and our total civilization were destroyed we could re-build them. But when our White genes and blood become mixed with the negro and other non-white races our genes, blood and race will be destroyed forever.

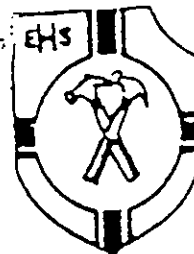
U.S. politicians have betrayed the White Race and caused reverse progress with integration laws for the negro and other non-white voters, and to satisfy their own selfish and self-serving benefit. The N.A.A.C.P. was founded in 1909. Who would have thought way back then that White people would now be living under negro rule dictated by negroes and other non-white organizations, and enforced by the federal government? Martin Luther King, Jr.'s so-called dream has become a nightmare for the White Race and will continue to get worse and will eventually destroy the White Race, unless we stop it soon.

***Race mixing will spell death for the White Race – Don't let it happen! Only you are the key to the future!***



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# WHERE ARE OUR Missing Children?

"Each year, 50,000 Children are Murdered within 48 hours of abduction." (Major City Police Dept.) This amounts to 137 children per day in America.

# JEWS

OWN 75% OF THE

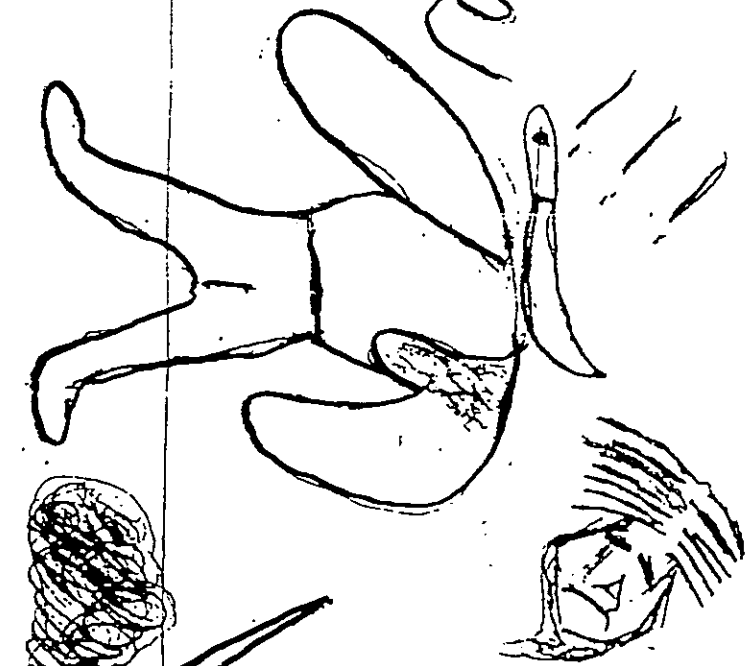
# Pet Food Industry!

WHERE ARE OUR  
Missing Children?

# THINK!

Tina is FAT  
Black & Proud

Miss  
Maggie  
Maggie



Big  
Big



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# "BLACK PEOPLE"

**AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTION TO  
DESTROY EUROPEAN DOMINATION AND  
GLOBAL WHITE SUPREMACY;**

## **WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE REMAINING CAUCASIANS?**

- ANSWER #1 - SEND REMAINING SURVIVORS TO A SMALL ISOLATED LAND MASS?
- ANSWER #2 - IMPRISON THEM ALL?
- ANSWER #3 - PUT SLAVERY BACK INTO EFFECT TO REBUILD DEMOUSHED AREAS CREATED BY THE REVOLUTION?
- ANSWER #4 - BREED AND KEEP THEM FOR EXPERIMENTAL USE?
- ANSWER #5 - TORTURE THEM?
- ANSWER #6 - "COMPLETELY" EXTERMINATE THEM?
- ANSWER #7 - LET THEM LIVE PEACEFULLY AMONGST US AND ALLO THEM TO BUILD THEIR RACE AGAIN?

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**ATTACHMENT D**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO TENSION**