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Attention Pillheads! The Sheriff is gonna let your doctor know when you've been charged!

Sheriff Tim Guider announced his office is opening a line of communication with the medical profession regarding prescription drug diversion and abuse. Guider stated it was important to make prescription writers of opiates and other highly abused drugs aware of their patients alleged criminal activity concerning that pa-

(see pills pg. 2)



A plethora of pills are available today as Doctors continue to "treat" patients with painkillers

Expired tag nets 4 arrests with pot for resale



Shelby Atkins
(see resale pg. 4)



Crystal Brown

Haslam Issues Regional Ban on Burning

Response to ongoing drought and wildfires throughout Middle and East Tennessee

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today issued a proclamation declaring a regional ban on burning in 51 counties in response to the ongoing drought and destructive wildfires throughout Middle and East Tennessee.

Effective immediately, residents in counties covered by the regional ban are not permitted to conduct any open-air burning. The ban includes

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Latest Hate Crime Statistics Released

Annual Report Sheds Light on Serious Issue

Earlier this year, a Florida man pled guilty to threatening to fire-bomb two mosques. A Virginia man was charged with assaulting a gay victim. And an Iowa man was convicted of stomping on and kicking the head of an African-American victim.

Hate crimes like these can have a devastating impact upon the communities where they occur, which is one of the reasons why the investigation of hate crimes that fall under federal jurisdiction is the num-

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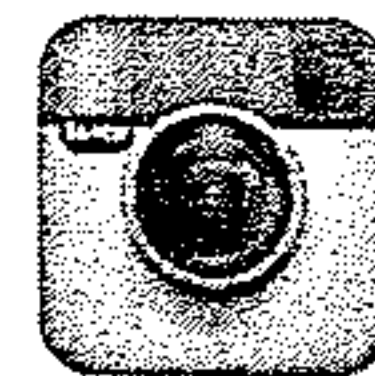
'Tis the season to begin stealing; 2 charged



Christen Tumolo
(see theft pg. 7)



Lisa Laven



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Verse of the Day

As the LORD commanded his servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and Joshua did it; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD

commanded Moses.

— Joshua 11:15

Obituaries

see inside Wazzup

Law enforcement is gearing up for the Thanksgiving Week-

end coming up and there will be travelers all over this weekend as well!

Weather

Today: Sunny skies. Areas of smoke and haze are possible, reducing visibil-

ity at times. High 69F. Wednesday Night Clear skies. Areas of smoke and haze are possible, reducing visibility at times Low near 40F.

Thursday Mainly sunny Areas of smoke reducing

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Pills

tient's prescription pills. The Loudon County Sheriff's Office will soon be sending certified letters to the doctors and nurse practitioners writing prescriptions to persons that have been arrested or indicted for drug diversion or abuse crimes related to their prescriptions. The letter will identify the patient and the charges the patient is facing. It will also make clear that the crimes are alleged crimes and everyone is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If and when a patient is convicted of prescription related offenses, a follow-up letter will be sent to the prescriber notifying them of the conviction. All of these letters will contain information that would be public information and nothing more.

Sheriff Guider explained, he supports rehabilitation programs and other initiatives that help people beat

their addictions. Those are important programs to our addicted citizens and certainly important to their families. Unfortunately, that only helps, or attempts to help, the byproduct of this epidemic. The cause of this epidemic is the liberal volume of highly addictive pain pills being prescribed and disbursed in our community. We understand that the majority of the medical profession is honorable and dedicated to their oath to provide quality and genuine healthcare, however, law enforcement and emergency medical services are seeing the fallout created by numerous, reckless prescribers feeding a black market for prescription pain pills. Further, we understand there are many legitimate people that need pain management and benefit from these prescriptions. However, we cannot turn a blind eye to the unprecedented devastation they are causing.

Sheriff Guider explained the purpose of this letter is to open up a line of communication with prescription writers so they can be more informed of their patient's behaviors regarding their prescriptions.

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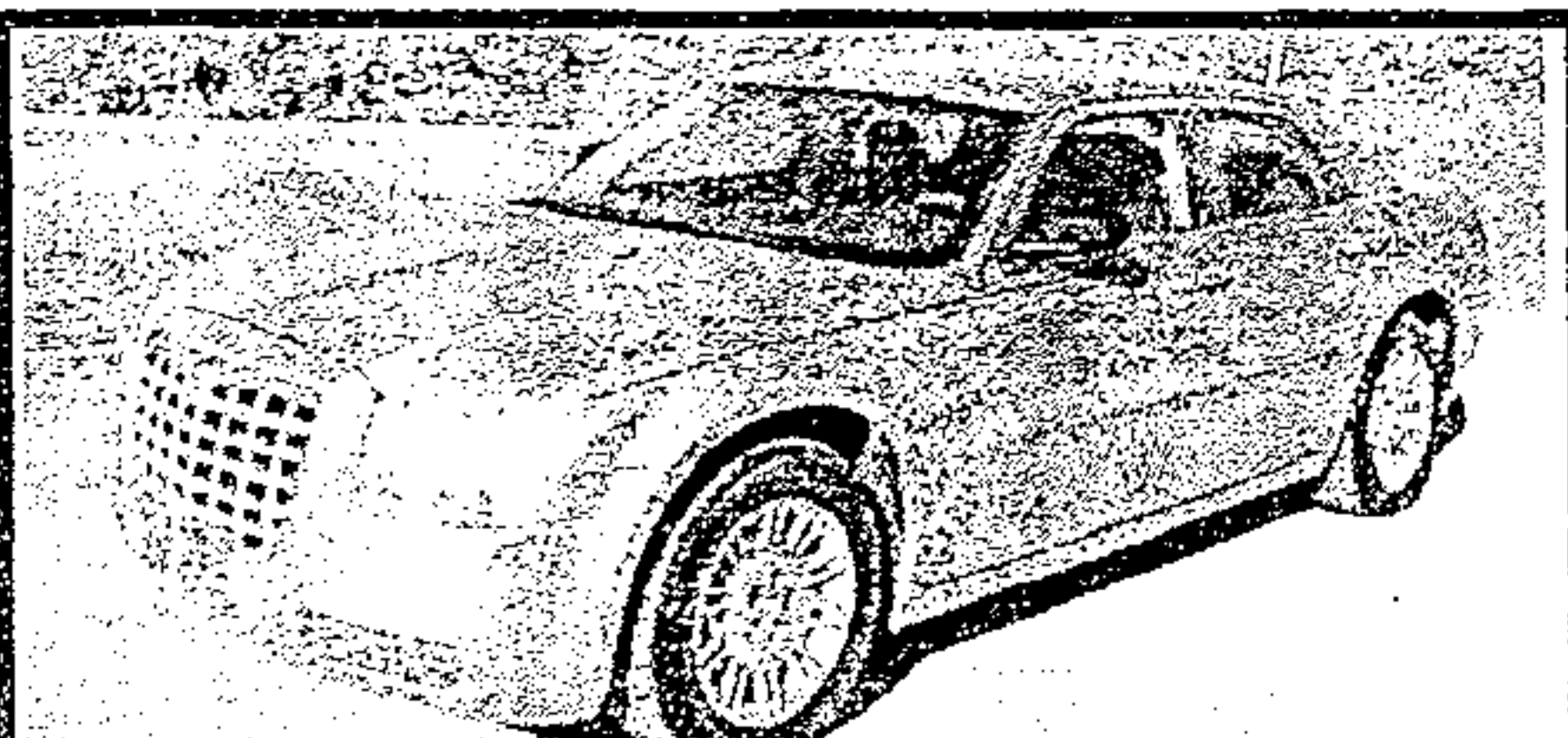
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resale

Shelby Atkins, 23, Spring Street Philadelphia, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI.

Crystal Brown, 34, Donaldson Road Philadelphia, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI, and Simple Possession.

Chad Garrett, 43, Tonawanda Trail Madisonville, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI, and Simple Possession.

Lawrence Powell, 43, Thompson Road Sweetwater, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI, and Simple Possession.

Deputy Cody Fritts

LCSO observed a Dark Green Nissan Pathfinder traveling on Elm Street. The Tennessee registration on the vehicle K7874L showed expired 09/30/2016. Upon running the registration on the Green Pathfinder it came back to a 2000 Red Chrysler Sebring. Upon stopping the vehicle at Christian Street the driver was identified as Lawrence Powell and the passengers as Chad Garrett, Shelby Atkins, and Crystal Brown. Deputy could smell a strong odor of raw marijuana coming from the vehicle. Upon performing a pat down on Mr. Garrett I could feel a bag in his right

pocket.

Deputy asked Mr. Garrett if he could retrieve the bag and he agreed. Found in his right jean pocket was a baggy of Marijuana and rolling papers. Upon searching the vehicle found under the backseat where Mr. Garrett and Ms. Atkins were sitting was a large baggy of Marijuana (approximately 30 Grams).

Found under the driver seat were three other large bags of Marijuana that weighed approximately 90 Grams. Found in front

of the shifter was a Marijuana Cigarette. Found in Ms. Browns purse was a hollowed out ink pen with white powder residue. Lawrence Powell, Chad Garrett, Shelby Atkins, and Crystal Brown were taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County

jail. This did happen in Loudon County.

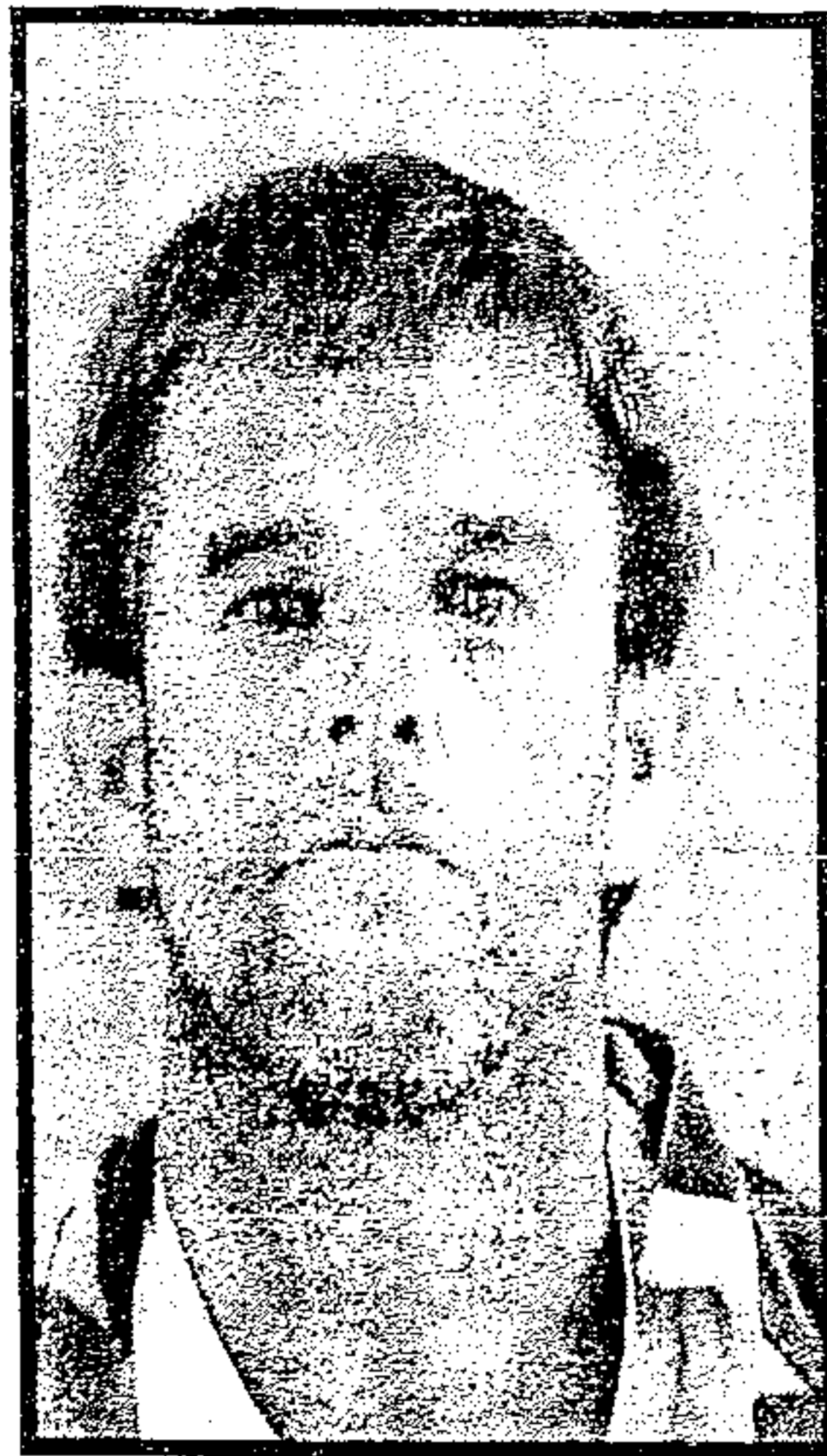
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campfires, and burning of brush, vegetation, household waste or construction debris. The ban will remain in effect until December 15. The counties under the ban are listed below.

Currently the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) Division of Forestry is fighting 67 wildfires across nearly 16,000 acres in the Cumber-

land and East Tennessee districts.

A violation of a burn ban is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor which carries a fine of \$2,500 and/or up to 11 months, 29 days in jail.

Robertson and Sumner counties continue to be under a burn ban issued by TDA Commissioner Jai Templeton. A governor's ban includes municipalities, whereas a com-

missioner's ban is superseded by municipal ordinances.

Residents in counties not included under any of the current bans must obtain a safe debris burning permit to burn brush, vegetation, household waste or construction waste. The TDA Division of Forestry, however, does not expect to issue any permits until the state receives substantial precipitation.

A violation of burning without a permit is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor which carries a fine of \$50 and/or up to 30 days in jail.

Daily updates on the wildfire situation, active burn bans and tips to protect your home and property can be found at www.burnsafetn.org.

Counties under a regional burn ban: Anderson, Bled-

soe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Cannon, Carter, Claiborne, Clay, Cocke, Coffee, Cumberland, Dekalb, Fentress, Franklin, Grainger, Greene, Grundy, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hawkins, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Macon, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Smith, Sullivan, Trousdale, Unicoi, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Washington, White

- See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/news/46738#sthash.oo11fpSW.dpuf>
Burn ban in effect for East TN

From the Loudon County Government, Office of the Mayor

Currently, East Tennessee weather has produced dry conditions with little or no rain fall, temperatures in the 80's, wind and low humidity for several weeks. Counties in our area have varying levels of drought conditions and these factors have created an increased brush and forest fire risk.

Because of this increased risk, Loudon County Mayor, Roland "Buddy" Bradshaw, in consultation with the state forestry office and TEMA has requested a "Ban on Open Burning" in Loudon County from the state Commissioner of Agriculture. As approved, this ban is effective immediately and will remain in place until further notice.

Until our region receives appreciable rain fall, this increased fire risk will continue and the ban will remain in effect.

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theft

Christen Tumolo, 25, West 4th Ave. Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property.

Lisa Laven, 28, West 4th Ave. Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property.

Officer Brandon Johnson LCPD, was dispatched to Walmart in reference to shoplifters. Loss Prevention observed Christen Tumolo, and Lisa Laven select multiple items in the store, and proceeded to self check out, and was observed scanning items that cost less and placing more expensive items in the cart, and then skipping items. This was done to deprive Walmart for \$377.64 dollars. Both were placed under arrest.

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We feel this will cultivate more responsible prescription issuance and, ultimately, put

fewer pills on the street to be illegally diverted and abused. With this growing epidemic of drug abuse and overdose deaths, it is imperative we take steps that will make people responsible for their actions. Sheriff Guider feels the implementation of this correspondence to health care professionals will help provide a path to more responsible prescribing practices and improve the overall safety to our community. Prescription medication is our number one drug problem in this country and in this county. They are responsible for more deaths than all other drugs combined and more deaths than auto accidents.

Hate Crime

ber one priority under the FBI's civil rights program.

But in addition to its investigative work, the FBI gathers and

publishes — through its Uniform Crime Reporting Program—hate crime statistics from law enforcement agencies across the country to help provide an accurate accounting of the problem, by state and nationally. And today, the Bureau released its latest Hate Crime Statistics report—this one containing data for 2015—that includes information detailing the offenses, victims, offenders, and locations of hate crimes. The 2015 collection marks the 25th anniversary of the Bureau's work to compile data about bias-motivated crimes, which began in 1990.

This year's report, which contains data from 14,997 law enforcement agencies, reveals 5,850 criminal incidents and 6,885 related offenses that were motivated by bias against race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, and gender identity.

Additional findings in Hate Crime Statistics, 2015 include the following:

There were 5,818 single-bias incidents involving 7,121 victims. Of those victims, 59.2 percent were targeted because of a race/ethnicity/ancestry bias; 19.7 percent because of a religious bias; 17.7 percent because of a sexual orientation bias; 1.7 percent because of a gender identity bias; 1.2 percent because of a disability bias; and 0.4 percent because of a gender bias.

There were an addi-

tional 32 multiple-bias incidents that involved another 52 victims.

Of the 4,482 hate crime offenses classified as crimes against persons, intimidation accounted for 41.3 percent of those offenses, while 37.8 percent involved simple assault and 19.7 percent involved aggravated assault.

There were 2,338 hate crime offenses classified as crimes against property, and the majority of those (72.6 percent) were acts of destruction/damage/vandalism.

During 2015, most reported hate crime incidents (31.5 percent) happened in or near residences or homes.

Of the 5,493 known offenders, 48.4 percent were white, 24.3 percent were black or African-American, and race was unknown for 16.2 percent of the offenders. The rest were of various other races.

New to the 2015 Hate Crime Statistics report is the inclusion of seven additional religious anti-bias categories (anti-Buddhist, anti-Eastern Orthodox, anti-Hindu, anti-Jehovah's Witness, anti-Mormon, anti-other Christian, and anti-Sikh), as well as an anti-Arab bias motivation.

Importance of Reporting Hate Crime Data

In 1990, Congress passed the Hate Crime Statistics Act, which required the attorney general to collect data "about crimes which manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual

orientation, or ethnicity." The attorney general delegated the responsibility to the Director of the FBI, who, in turn, assigned the task to the Bureau's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

Since then, additional categories have been added in an effort to improve the quality of the data collected. The more detailed we can be with the collection, the better all of law enforcement can detect trends and add necessary resources to combat these crimes.

But the FBI's annual Hate Crime Statistics report is only as good as the information it contains, and increased participation from law enforcement agencies will provide a more complete picture of hate crime in America. Recently, the International Association of Chiefs of Police—with the assistance of the Anti-Defamation League—issued a model policy for law enforcement agencies around the country on the investigation of hate crimes. The IACP also encouraged each agency to develop a standard for collecting, analyzing, and reporting incidents of hate crime—and, in particular, to submit monthly reports on all hate crime occurrences to the UCR Program.

According to FBI Director James Comey, "We need to do a better job of tracking and reporting hate crime to fully understand what is happening in our communities and how to stop it."