



LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO HATE CRIMES



Hate Crimes Conference for Law Enforcement, Arlington, Texas December 5, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Hate crimes and hate incidents are major issues for all law enforcement because of their unique impact on victims as well as the community. Hate crimes represent a particularly heinous form of violence, in which thousands of Americans are targeted each year because of their actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

This **free training** is designed to provide law enforcement officers with an overview of federal and state hate crimes statutes and strategies for identifying, investigating, prosecuting, and preventing hate crimes.

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Megan Phelps-Roper was raised within the virulently intolerant religious group The Westboro Baptist Church: known for picketing against the LGBT community, funeral services for soldiers, and nearly every other religious faith. By 2009, she was running the church’s Twitter account (as granddaughter of Fred Phelps, church founder, and daughter of Shirley Phelps-Roper, former church spokesperson, Megan played a central role in spreading its signature brand of hateful rhetoric to a global audience). However, after interacting with calm, civil, and genuinely empathetic individuals online—including one user who would eventually become her husband—Phelps-Roper began to question the dogmatic assertions of her faith and its celebrations of human tragedy. In 2012, she escaped her home, family and faith.



From the age of 17 Arno Michaelis was deeply involved in the white power movement. He was a founding member of what became the largest racist skinhead organization on earth, a reverend of self-declared Racial Holy War, and lead singer of the race-metal band Centurion, which sold 20,000 CDs by the mid-nineties and is still popular with racists today.

Single parenthood, love for his daughter, and the forgiveness shown by the people he once hated all helped to turn Arno’s life around, bringing him to embrace diversity and practice gratitude for all life.

Presented by: The Dallas Division of the FBI and the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Texas.

Sponsors for this event include: Safe City Commission, Arlington ISD and Baylor Scott & White Health Public Safety

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