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PUBLIC MEETINGS ABOUT HATE CRIMES CONTINUE IN DANBURY THIS THURSDAY

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection will continue a series of public meetings about hate crimes in Connecticut with a program in Danbury this Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Hatters Hall, 7 East Hayestown Road.

“The Hate Crimes Unit of the Connecticut State Police will be presenting about what hate crimes are, the importance of reporting hate incidents and what to do if you have been a victim or a witness to a hate incident. In addition, they will present the latest hate crime statistics for the state of Connecticut and answer any questions the community may have,” said Michael Bloom, Hate Crimes Initiative Coordinator for DESPP.

In recent years, the number of reported hate crimes has been rising in Connecticut and across the nation. DESPP launched its Hate Crimes Initiative earlier this year.

WHO: Commissioner Ronnell A. Higgins, members of the Connecticut State Police Hate Crimes Investigative Unit, Danbury Police Chief Patrick Ridenhour, and Mary Harding, Assistant State’s Attorney for the Judicial District of Danbury.

WHAT: Public meeting to discuss hate crimes.

WHERE: Hatters Hall, 7 East Hayestown Road, Danbury

WHEN: 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 17

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