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PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS HATE CRIMES IN CONNECTICUT RESUME THIS WEEK IN NEW LONDON AND STAMFORD

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection will continue a series of public meetings about hate crimes in Connecticut with programs scheduled at the New London Recreation Center on Wednesday and at UConn Stamford on Thursday

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.

"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," said Michael Bloom, Hate Crimes Initiative Coordinator for DESPP. "In addition, they will present the latest hate crime statistics for the state of Connecticut and answer any questions the community may have."

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NEW LONDON:

WHO: New London Police Chief Brian Wright, members of the Connecticut State Police Hate Crimes Investigative Unit

WHAT: Public presentation on hate crimes in Connecticut

WHEN: Wednesday Sept. 17, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: New London Community Recreation Center, 1 Recreation Way, New London.

STAMFORD:

WHO: Stamford Mayor Caroline Simmons, members of the Connecticut State Police Hate Crimes Investigative Unit.

WHAT: Public presentation on hate crimes in Connecticut

WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 18, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: UConn Stamford, 1 University Place, Stamford