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UNH and Durham host daylong educational session on hate crimes

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WHAT: Partnering for a Safe Community is a professional development opportunity for law enforcement, educators and service providers to learn more about hate crimes and bias.

WHEN: Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004; 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: Granite State Room in the Memorial Union Building on the Durham campus of the University of New Hampshire.

DETAILS: Opening comments will be made by UNH President Ann Weaver Hart and New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte at 9 a.m., followed by an overview of hate crimes by Director of Community Relations Services for the U.S. Department of Justice's New England Region Frank Amoroso. Keynote speaker Andrew Tarsy, New England executive director of the Anti-Defamation League, will speak from 10-11 a.m. at 11:15 a.m., a panel of local citizens will share their stories and perspectives. Panelists include Sam Chan, representing the Laotian community; Richard Haynes, a member of the Portsmouth chapter of the NAACP; Ben Guiliani, executive director of the Maine Migrant Workers Advocate Group; Mosses Sebunya, a member of the Muslim community; and Adam Solender, member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Manchester.

Police departments across the state, including Portsmouth, Keene, Newton, Somersworth, Exeter, Derry, Durham, UNH and the University of Vermont, will be represented as well as school districts and other organizations. Participating schools include Hampton, Nottingham, Dover, Hooksett and Auburn/Candia.

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