

DIVERSITY TRAINING FOR CITY INSPECTORS



The city officials have recently made a recommendation earlier this week, suggesting that city inspectors of taxis and limousines go through sensitivity training. The reason this recommendation has been made is because one of the city inspectors actually said some quite insensitive things during an interview. The inspector said that the vast majority of the city's drivers were Muslim and that many Muslim individuals blow things up. The Department of Human Resources also gave confirmation that many inspectors were carrying around badges and firearms while they were working, which is not only illegal but also gives the drivers the impression that the inspectors are actually law enforcement. After the report was released, decision still had not been made. The Police Chief for the city, Steve Anderson, was the one who first made the allegations, stating that the inspectors were carrying around badges and guns illegally while working as inspectors to give off the impression that they were, instead, police officers. While Anderson's accusations were first considered allegations, it is now known that what he was saying was true and everything has been confirmed. The report stated that there were some issues that should have and could have been avoided if communication would have been better, especially between the Metro Police Department, the staff members and inspector, and the Metro Legal Department. Three of the inspectors have already admitted that while they are working, they do carry firearms. Investigators says that in doing so, they have violated a civil services policy. There were also two inspectors who admitted that they did have police lights in their vehicle and had even used them before but claim to no longer use them anymore. Because of the actions that have taken place, sensitivity training has been recommended for the commission employees, especially McQuiston, who was the one who made the discriminatory comments about Muslims, talking about how they blow up places and things and do not mind taking people with them. There was no evidence behind this statement and it is believed that he is simply discriminating against Muslims. In the meantime, the human resources officials said that the inspectors were dealing with higher than average anxiety issues because they deal with such a diverse population on a regular basis. The report claims that all of the employees could benefit greatly from going through some sensitivity training. In the report, it says that it is important for people to understand the difference between cultures and to also have respect or those cultures, even if they are different, so that the workplace can be an efficient and acceptable place for everyone. The training could help these employees to better understand that and change their original perspective of these diverse individuals.