

APPENDIX 'C' – Procedure 01-02

Transgender/Transsexual Persons

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The Toronto Police Service recognizes that special arrangements may have to be made to accommodate transgender or transsexual persons.

The terms transgender or transsexual generally relate to persons who want to change their physiological gender to live permanently as a person of the other gender, whether or not they plan to undergo gender reassignment.

When interacting with transgender or transsexual persons, officers shall be sensitive to the human rights issues without jeopardizing officer and prisoner safety, and the need to search.

In order to best address the specific needs or concerns of each person, each case must be assessed individually. To that end, the Officer in Charge (OIC) shall determine the best possible course of action in order to respect the dignity of the person being searched.

For the purpose of search, when an individual has self-identified as transgender or transsexual, the OIC:

- shall explain to the individual the following three options for a Level 3 Search:
 - (a) male officer(s) only or
 - (b) female officer(s) only or
 - (c) a split searchthe OIC shall be guided by the preference of the individual to be searched, in terms of the gender of the person they would feel more comfortable being searched by.
- shall make appropriate entries in the memorandum book, including the Level 3 Search option selected by the person, and the rationale for the course of action taken.