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CPD OPENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON REVISED POLICY FOR INTERACTIONS WITH TRANSGENDER, INTERSEX AND GENDER NONCONFORMING INDIVIDUALS

Updated policy emphasizes Department's commitment to human rights and dignity

CHICAGO — Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Chicago Police Department Superintendent David O. Brown today announced a revised draft policy relating to interactions with transgender, intersex and gender nonconforming (TIGN) individuals. The revised policy will be open for public comment for a 15-day period beginning June 10, 2021 and ending on June 25, 2021.

"Our officers have a responsibility to treat all of our residents, regardless of their gender identity, with the dignity and respect they deserve," said Chicago Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot. "I want to thank every LGBTQ+ organization that partnered with CPD on this incredibly important policy revision and encourage all of our residents to review it and provide feedback."

The draft revisions reflect the Department's commitment to working with the diverse communities it serves. This directive, informed by community input, establishes new procedures aimed at building trust between CPD and the TIGN community.

"This revised policy reflects CPD's dedication to treating all individuals with dignity and respect," said Superintendent Brown. "As we continue on the path of equity and inclusiveness, we must listen and learn from our community members."

As the revised policy was being drafted, CPD collaborated with LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations to ensure the voices of TIGN individuals were represented. Some of these organizations include ACLU of Illinois, Aids Foundation Chicago and Pride Talk Action Tank, Equality Illinois and Howard Brown Health.

Following the public comment period, all feedback will be reviewed and considered as the revised policy is finalized. The final revised policy is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Highlights of the revised policy open for public comment include:

- Requires officers to document an individual's name and gender identity as expressed, clarified, or requested by the individual.
- Establishes a non-binary gender expression marker on Department reports.

- Updates and increases terms and definitions commonly used in the LGBTQ+ and TIGN community.
- Requires officers to inform a TIGN individual of their ability to express a preference for a certain gendered officer to conduct a protective pat down.
- Ensures the gender of a Department member(s) performing a protective pat down will be the same gender as the gender identity expressed, clarified or requested by the individual.
- Arrested TIGN individuals will be transported consistent with their expressed gender identity (male or female transport).
- Provides TIGN arrestees the opportunity to identify a preference of which type of holding facility (male or female) they feel safest to be held.
- Prohibits Department members from publicly disclosing an individual's dead-name, which is a name other than an individual's adopted name and usually a legal name or birth-given name.
- Prohibiting Department members from publicly disclosing the fact that an individual is transgender unless doing so is necessary for a legitimate law enforcement objective.

Members of the public can review the revised policy and submit comments or feedback [HERE](#).

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