

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE TRANSGENDERED PERSON

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TYPES OF INTERACTION

- Traffic stop
- Traffic Accident
- Victim of a crime
- Suspect in a crime
- Disorderly or suspicious person
- Witness to a crime or critical incident
- Ill or Injured

CONCERNS

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- Being Outed
 - Family, friends, community, church
- Not being believed or taken seriously
- Ridicule
- Bias
- Hate Crimes



PUBLIC PERCEPTION

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UK BATHROOM ATTACK
[HTTPS://WWW.THESUN.CO.UK/NEWS/
8647171/TRANSGENDER-WOMAN-
SEXUALLY-ASSAULTED-GIRL-MORRISONS/](https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/8647171/transgender-woman-sexually-assaulted-girl-morrisons/)

NORTH CAROLINA BATHROOM ATTACK

[HTTPS://WWW.TRANSADVOCATE.COM/TWO-CIS-WOMEN-SEXUALLY-ASSAULT-TRANS-WOMAN-IN-PUBLIC-BATHROOM_N_25820.HTM](https://www.transadvocate.com/two-cis-women-sexually-assault-trans-woman-in-public-bathroom_n_25820.htm)

LAW ENFORCEMENT GOALS

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- Enforce laws
- Investigate crimes
- Keep the peace
- Go home to our families

LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

“Leaders need to be prepared to handle the challenges of how to identify a transgender victim in briefings to the media and how to interview witnesses who may also be transgender.”

- IACP - Police Chief Magazine

THE BASICS

PREPARATION

- Have your ID with you and accessible
- Have confidence but not arrogance
- Have a plan
 - What are the issues with using force and when should you use it?

REFUGE BATHROOM APP (APPLE AND GOOGLE PLAY APP STORES)

PREVENTION

- Take safety precautions
- Stick with friends
- Avoid risky behavior
 - What does this mean?
- Other ideas?

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HONESTY

- Answer what is asked honestly.
- Officers are trained to sense deception and interpret it as a threat to their safety.
- It's not illegal to be transgender
 - But there are biases and preconceptions
 - We can change this one person at a time

COOPERATION

- Submit to lawful commands
- If you disagree with an officer then you can ask for a supervisor
- Utilize the formal complaint process or retain an attorney afterward.

RESPECT

- Respect and cooperation go hand in hand with a positive outcome
- Even if you don't agree with the officer respect the authority that the law gives them
- Words are powerful!
- But body language can be even more so

TO REPORT A CRIME OR NOT.....

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SERVICES AVAILABLE

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233

- Confidential Advocacy
- Prosecution Based Victim Assistance
- Emergency Housing
- Emergency Cell Phones
- Financial Assistance
- Civil Legal Aid
- Multiple other regional services.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION

BUILDING THE CASE

- The objectives of the investigation:
 - Determine what happened
 - Determine whether a crime was committed
 - Identify the persons involved and the location(s) of the scene
 - Collect and preserve all evidence
 - Identify and interview all witnesses

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