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Stephen Leach
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Office of the Independent Police Review Director (O.I.P.R.D.)
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Dear Director Leach,

Thank you for your correspondence and notification to police services dated November 18, 2022, regarding dynamic entries and deviations from the "knock and announce" rule.

As a result of your notification we undertook a comprehensive review and update of Procedure 02-18 "Executing a Search Warrant". Considering the importance of this review it was led by members within the Office of the Chief and supported by subject matter experts from across the Toronto Police Service (Service).

As part of this review process, our Equity, Inclusion and Human Rights Unit was engaged to ensure the procedure reflected best practices.

In line with our dedication to enhancing trust with our communities and our commitment to expedite Police Reform, this procedure will be published on the Service's external website. I invite you to also publish the updated procedure on the O.I.P.R.D. website as part of the Service's response to your notification.

Please find attached copies of the updated Procedure, Appendix A and TPS Form 990 (Search Warrant Notice to Owner/Occupant).

I would also like to personally thank Carla Goncalves and members of the O.I.P.R.D. that collaborated with the Office of the Chief in reviewing drafts of the updated Procedure and providing critical feedback.

I look forward to our continued cooperative approach to enhancing trust in policing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Demkiw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Myron Demkiw, M.O.M.
Chief of Police

cc: Ann Morgan, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board