



**SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
POLICE SERVICE**

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Effective Date: September 12, 2005

POLICY

1. South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (SCBCTAPS) Members are expected to maintain a high standard of personal appearance.
2. A Member's hairstyle and facial hair must not present a hazard in the execution of duties or prevent or interfere with proper wearing of any head dress or equipment.

REASON FOR POLICY

3. To maintain and foster a professional image of SCBCTAPS and enhance Member safety.

PROCEDURES

4. Members will wear their hair in a neat manner, contoured to the general shape of the head. The major part of the ear should be exposed.
5. Male Members will be close shaven unless specific permission is granted for wearing a beard. Moustaches and beards, when worn, will be neatly trimmed. Sideburns are to be neatly trimmed and not extend below a line horizontal with the bottom of the ear lobe. The length of hair will not extend past the collar.
6. The hair of female Members will be neat and tidy and worn in a manner to allow the proper wearing of the cap.
7. Exceptions or variances in standards of personal grooming may be made to suit operational situations. Requests to vary the standards of grooming will be submitted in writing through the immediate supervisor to the Chief Officer or designate.