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Vienna Police Department Suspends Rules to Support Cancer Charity

Beginning today, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, the Vienna Police Department's no-facial-hair policy will be relaxed a bit to enable male officers to participate in the Zero Cancer Grow-and-Give fundraising campaign. For the second year in a row, Police Chief Jim Morris is suspending the dress-code rule to enable officers to put down their razor during #NoShaveNovember. The goal of the bearded-officers' 30-day fundraising campaign is to raise public awareness of prostate cancer and to generate support for research to find a cure.

"One of our officers, Juan Vazquez, lost his father to prostate cancer a few years ago, and it is especially meaningful to him that we participate." Morris said. "Last year, our small department raised the second-highest amount of any public safety organization in the country for the cancer charity – more than \$8,000 – and that's thanks to the generosity of our community."

Nearly 250,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States this year alone, and the illness is very treatable if diagnosed early. Participating officers hope that as they start to look a little scruffy in their efforts to support life-saving research, others will be inspired to learn more about the illness and donate to the campaign to help find a cure for prostate cancer.

Last year, the Vienna Police Department more than doubled their fundraising goal of \$3,000. This year's goal is to raise at least \$5,000 for the non-profit organization. To support the Vienna Police Department's Grow-and-Give Team, visit <https://bit.ly/VPDgrow2022>.

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