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Officers grow beards for charity; Donate over \$1,400 to American Cancer Society

Murfreesboro Police Officers and Detectives recently participated in the American Cancer Society's "No Shave November". The goal of "No-Shave November" is to "grow awareness by embracing our hair, which many cancer patients lose." The ACS encourages participants to "donate the money you usually spend on shaving and grooming for a month to educate about cancer prevention, save lives, and aid those fighting the battle."

In support of this effort, participating officers and detectives donated money to the American Cancer Society in order for the Chief of Police to waive the department's policy regarding shaving during the month of November.

At the conclusion of the campaign, officers raised over \$1,400.00 for the American Cancer Society. Officers from each shift and division nominated an officer with the best beard to participate in a "Beard-off". Sergeant Tim Higgins, Sergeant Justin Lemanski, Officer Walter Breithaupt, Officer Darrin Wilcox and Officer Thomas Troutman were nominated by their respective divisions and shifts to be considered for the "Best Beard Award". After reviewing each of the officers' beards, City Manager Rob Lyons selected Sergeant Tim Higgins as having the Department's "Best Beard".

Sergeant Higgins was presented with a certificate for the "Best Beard Award" and received a free shave from Jason Rigney, owner of Drakes Barber Shop.

"Police Officers help our community every day, but today is special because it is the culmination of a month of raising awareness and funds to support the American Cancer Society" said Chief of Police Glenn Chrisman. "Officers never stop helping the community in which they serve and this was an opportunity to do something out of the ordinary that will help make a difference in cancer research."



❖ From Left: Mr. Robert J. Lyons, Sgt. Justin Lemanski, Ofc. Walter Breithaupt, Ofc. Darrin Wilcox, Sgt. Tim Higgins, Ofc. Thomas Troutman and Chief Glenn Chrisman