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## **Vienna Police Officers Take Action to Support Worthy Cause**

Just as residents are expected to obey the law of the land, Town of Vienna Police officers are expected to conform with the agency's dress code. For male officers, that means no facial hair. Beginning today, Police Chief Jim Morris is suspending that rule for the month of November to enable officers to participate in the 30-day, Zero Cancer Grow-and-Give fundraising campaign to support prostate cancer research and to raise public awareness.

"One of our officers, Juan Vazquez, lost his father to prostate cancer a few years ago," Morris said. "It is especially meaningful to him that we participate not only to try to help find a cure for prostate cancer, but to raise awareness about the subject in the community. This type of cancer is very treatable if it's diagnosed early."

Nearly 250,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States this year alone. For the next 30 days, more than a dozen Vienna police officers will put down their razor and pick up the cause to help save lives. As they start to look a little scruffy, they hope others will be inspired to donate to the campaign to help end prostate cancer.

The Vienna Police Department has set a \$3,000 fundraising goal to help the cancer non-profit organization. To support the Vienna Police Department's Grow-and-Give Team, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/VPDgrow">https://bit.ly/VPDgrow</a>.