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## **Annapolis Officers Retiring their Razors**

Nearly everyone has been touched by cancer that's why for the first time the Annapolis Police Department is participating in No Shave November. Officers and civilian employees have made donations to an Annapolis based charity, METAvivor, for the chance to let their hair grow in a way not normally permitted by our regulations.

No Shave November was started as an awareness campaign about cancer. People are encouraged to let their hair grow and donate the money typically spent on shaving or grooming to a cause that educates about cancer prevention and/or aids those battling cancer.

METAvivor is dedicated to the specific fight of women and men living with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. METAvivor focuses on research and awareness of metastatic breast cancer, and support for those living with metastatic breast cancer.

Annapolis Police Chief Michael Pristoop has authorized officers and employees to participate in No Shave November. The beards will start growing today and must be well-groomed and removed by December 1st. Each of the 32 participants donated at least \$25 to METAvivor.

Employees not growing beards and the public are also encouraged to donate money to this important cause. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so directly to METAvivor through this link <https://secure.metavivor.org/page/contribute/>.