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BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1905 Indianapolis Ave.

Lebanon, IN 46052

Sheriff Michael T. Nielsen



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

and Santa Beard December

**The Boone County Sheriff's Office promotes "No-Shave
November – Santa Beard December".**

November 1, 2021

Starting November 1st the Boone County Sheriff's Office will raise money for the Boone County Cancer Society with a "No-Shave November" campaign. 2021 marks the 8th year for the campaign.

To participate, employees who donate a minimum of \$60 to the fund will be allowed to grow facial hair during the month of November. For those wishing to extend the challenge, employees will be able to do so by donating \$100 for the month of December. Such grooming standards are strictly regulated by department policy but will be somewhat relaxed in support of the program.

Female employees who want to help fight the cause will be given a bracelet to show their support and/or allowed to wear pink or blue highlights in their hair. The cancer awareness bracelets will be given out upon receipt of a monetary donation.

Sheriff Nielsen has added January to the mix, which requires a \$500 donation due before the end of November and carries through January 31st of 2022. Money can be donated to sponsor an employee to help pay for their growth!

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Sheriff Nielsen stated: "I am excited once again this year to support a great cause. My life has been touched personally by cancer. In 2007 I was diagnosed with Primary Mediastinal Lymphoma. With the support and encouragement of my family and friends, we tackled this ugly disease head on! Today I am cancer free because of the yearlong chemo treatments and by the grace of God. It created a passion for me to help in any way that I can to support people that face this ugly disease. We all have someone we know that has been touched by cancer. By supporting No-Shave November – Santa Beard December we can help in the awareness, education, and strive for the ultimate cancer cure!"

We want to make the public aware: if you see a deputy with facial hair, remember, it's for charity! Join us, as we raise awareness for a great cause, and reduce the stigmatism associated with physical and mental health disease. All of the proceeds go directly to the Boone County Cancer Society for educational awareness and also helps residents of Boone County who are fighting cancer. (**This will not interfere with the department policies on face masks. Deputies will still be required to follow BCSO guidelines regarding facial coverings.**)

If you wish to donate, please make checks payable to:

"Boone County Sheriff's Office – BCCS". Boone County Sheriff's Office at 1905 Indianapolis Ave. Lebanon, IN 46052. Attention: Jason Reynolds BCCS No-Shave November!

No-Shave November is an online, non-profit organization partnered with the American Cancer Society to raise cancer awareness and funds to prevent cancer, save lives, fund research, educate and aid those with cancer.

Information about "No Shave November" is available at no-shave.org. You can contact your local cancer society at: boonecancersociety@gmail.com or call (765) 482-2043

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