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2nd Annual 'No Shave November' Fundraiser at EPD

Happy November, Eureka!

The Eureka Police Department is excited to kick off our **2nd Annual "No Shave November" Fundraiser** in support of our **12th Annual EPD Shop with a Cop** event this December!

Over the past 11 years, Shop with a Cop has brought holiday joy to 414 deserving local children. We will add another 50 children to this list in 2025. Each child receives a **\$100 gift card** and the chance to shop with members of local police and fire agencies. But it's not just about the gifts—it's about the experience and the connections made.

The day begins with breakfast and conversation, followed by a lights-and-sirens escort to the store. We laugh, share stories, and help the kids pick out presents—often not just for themselves, but for their families. Seeing these children choose gifts for their parents and siblings is one of the most heartwarming parts of the day. This event touches everyone involved—participants and First Responders alike—and has become one of the most meaningful traditions we share with our community.

Here's how the fundraiser works:

Each participating EPD employee donates **\$100 to sponsor a child**, and then they're eligible to join the fun! Employees are also encouraged to raise additional donations from friends, family, and community members. Donations can be made in several ways:

- **Directly to an employee** (via Venmo or other apps they share)
- **Cash or check donations** dropped off at the EPD front counter (please include the name of the employee you're sponsoring)
- **Checks** should be made payable to "**Eureka Police Foundation**" with "**Shop with a Cop**" noted in the memo line

In early December, we'll post photos of our participants and open a community poll to vote for the *Best Beard or Mustache*! The winner will receive a \$100 gift card to a local restaurant from the Chief. The employee who raises the most money will also earn a special prize from the Chief.

All proceeds go directly to funding our **Shop with a Cop** event and making the holidays brighter for local children.

On behalf of the men and women of EPD, and all our allied first responders who take part in this special program, thank you for helping us give these children a little more Christmas magic this year!

Godspeed,

~Chief Brian Stephens

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