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### **SUFFOLK POLICE SUPPORT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**

SUFFOLK, VA (October 5, 2021) Suffolk Police are proudly showing their support in recognition of October's designation as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month".

All sworn Suffolk Police Department Officers are wearing pink enameled police badges, and civilian personnel are wearing pink nametag holders throughout the month of October as a show of solidarity and to help raise community awareness about the impact of breast cancer.

Speaking about this initiative, Interim Chief of Police Al Chandler stated, "Our Suffolk Police Department family stands in support of the members of our Suffolk community who have been affected by breast cancer. We'll even be sharing some stories from our very own Suffolk friends and neighbors who are breast cancer survivors. Behind our badge is a heart like yours – we are YOUR Suffolk Police Department!"

This past year has posed a challenge in all our lives, and breast cancer prevention is no exception due to setbacks in screenings and early detection. They hope that their pink badges serve not only as a reminder to encourage citizens to get their mammograms and screening check-ups on a regular basis, but to also convey a message of hope for others on their own breast cancer journey and to let them know that they are not fighting this battle alone.

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