



Police, Fire Dept. take part in annual event to raise funds to fight childhood cancer.

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LAFD, LAPD — On March 3, brave participants from the LAFD and LAPD gathered at Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood and Fire Station 112 in San Pedro for their eighth annual combined St. Baldrick's event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, collect pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

This year, more than 300 participants were shorn of an estimated 50 pounds of freshly cut hair.

Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood raised more than \$15,000 for childhood cancer research.

Special thanks to Lt. Greg Doyle, LAPD, and LAFD's Danny Wu for organizing the event!



Fundò Razors



Greg Wells, LAPD Internal Affairs, is surrounded by what this event is really all about.



"I'm not shaving my head, but... I'll shave yours!" Deby Herdich, LAPD Dispatcher, has been a volunteer head-shaver since 2007 and has the shirt to prove it.



From left: Brent Urban, Club Counselor (right) and Lt. Greg Doyle, LAPD. Lt Doyle received a Club donation to be auctioned off for charity.



From left: Jeremy Chitwood, Fire Station 58, C Shift; and Kent Brower, Fire Station 58, C Shift.

BEFORE



Craig Bilsky has been a volunteer "shavee" from the very first St. Baldrick's event.



Fire Station 89 opens its doors to the general public as this year's St. Baldrick's event begins.



More than 300 people and 50 pounds of hair were cut at this year's event at Fire Station 58.



AFTER



"Just a little off the sides, please." "C'mon Greg, you know what you signed up for when you sat down!"



The only thing left for Greg Wells, LAPD Internal Affairs, to do now is wait for it to grow back so he can participate in St. Baldrick's again next year.



Dale Drummond, Fire Station 58, can hear the sound of hungry clippers sneaking up from behind.



Fire Station 58, A Shift; and Kim Ferry, volunteer. Any last words before you part with that fashionable haircut?



And that about does it for Dale Drummond, Fire Station 58.



Scenes from the family-friendly event that remind us of why we have gathered here.



Mike Elefante, Fire Station 58, A Shift, was another local fireman making a small sacrifice to help a worthy cause.



"Mike, you're going to have to open your eyes eventually."



If the fireman thing doesn't work out, he can always try professional wrestling.



See, now, that wasn't so bad. Was it?



Mike Elefante, Fire Station 58, A Shift.

