



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

"Community with Police...Caring & Sharing Together"

DECEMBER 2019



Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas...
May your holidays be blessed with family and friends.
From All of Us at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department

SHOP WITH A COP

Join us on Monday, December 16th at 5:00 p.m. for our

Shop-With-A-Cop WRAP PARTY! Come on out to the

Gerrish Twp. Police Department and help us wrap and

prepare the gifts for the seven families that we have

adopted for the 2019 Shop-With-A-Cop Program.

We have all the materials and wrapping will start

promptly at 5:00 p.m. with pizza and pop served

afterwards for all of the volunteers!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL

INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

THAT DONATED TO OUR PROGRAM THIS YEAR!

The Gerrish Fire/EMS Department is hosting their annual "Stuff the Ambulance" event. Please drop off your donations on Dec. 14th from 11 am - 3 pm. The ambulance will be parked in front of the fire station at 2997 E. Higgins Lake Drive on that day. They are also accepting any cash donations and if you cannot make it on 12/14 they welcome donations any time at the Fire Department. See the list below for items being requested.

Gerrish Twp Fire/EMS Presents:

stuff The Ambulance

Once again, Gerrish Township Fire/EMS will be participating in Stuff the Ambulance this holiday season. This year, donations will be going towards a select few local families. Listed below are the items needed. Cash donations are also accepted. Please join us on December 14th from 11am - 3pm to help stuff the ambulance!

*Non Perishable Food Items

*Toilet Paper

*Paper Towel

*Multi-surface Cleaner

*Trash Can Liners

*Liquid Body Wash

*Shampoo

*Childrens Games

*Blankets

*Hats

*Gloves

*Laundry Soap

*Dish Soap

*Toothpaste

*Toothbrushes

Donations will be collected at Gerrish Twp Fire/EMS Department
2997 E. Higgins Lake Dr. Roscommon, MI 48653

Contact Asst. Chief-EMS Kristi Gilliam with any questions
(989) 745-8008

Thank you for helping us support these local families
this holiday season!

*We will be accepting donations up to December 15th if you're
not able to make it on the day of the event

ACT NOW and members from the Gerrish Police Dept. will be participating in the "11th" Annual Kids Helping Kids Christmas Program that will take place on 12/14/19. This year the program will be assisting DHHS to provide gifts and a Christmas party including a family-style holiday meal for 38 foster children and their families in Roscommon County.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

DECEMBER 6th

10:00 a.m. ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting
@ Gerrish Police Dept.

DECEMBER 16th

5:00 p.m. SHOP-WITH-A-COP WRAP PARTY
@ Gerrish Police Dept.



SIGN UP TO JOIN CERT

Chief Hill, along with other Gerrish Officers and members of the Gerrish CERT team, will be running a Basic CERT class beginning January 15, 2020 and running every Wednesday evening for six consecutive weeks. These classes will train community volunteers to assist the local emergency responders to give immediate assistance in the event of a disaster or perform duties such as shelter support, crowd control, traffic and pedestrian safety during large scale community events.

Training is designed to cover:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety & Extinguishing
- Patient Triage & Assessment
- Patient Treatment & Hygiene
- Light Search & Rescue
- Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology & Terrorism
- Incident Command System
- Radio Communications

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is an integral part of the Citizen Corps, the grass-roots movement that actively involves everyone in making our communities and our nation safer, stronger and better prepared. All over America, communities have organized Citizen Corps Councils to inspire people to take action and get involved. No matter who you are, we all have a role in hometown preparedness.

Please contact Chief Hill at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 287 if you would like to join our CERT team.

Gerrish Township Police Department recently received and installed it's new Drug Drop Box for unwanted, unused and expired medications. This box was received on a grant written by Chief Hill from the Rite Aid Kids Cents Foundation (Keeping Kids Safe makes sense to us) with no cost to the department or community. This will assist the

police department with the collection and safe disposal of medications. Like the old drug drop box, this new one is located just outside the front entrance of the Gerrish Police Department and is available to drop items off 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you have a large quantity of drugs to turn in, you can still ring the buzzer during the day time hours and those items can be accepted directly by an officer or staff inside the building.



DON'T WRECK THE HOLIDAYS.

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DRIVE MERRY, BRIGHT & SOBER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON...

The holidays are a special time for every community and it is more important than ever for us to stress the importance of safe driving habits. Before you head out to your festivities, make sure you plan a sober ride home because driving drunk should never be an option. Even one drink is one drink too many...Buzzed Driving IS Drunk Driving.

Drunk driving is not the only risk on the road. Drug-impaired driving is also an increasing problem for men and women alike. If drivers are impaired by any substance (alcohol or other drugs) they should not be behind the wheel of a vehicle. Driving while impaired is illegal. The bottom line is...If You Feel Different, You Drive Different.

According to NHTSA, 37,133 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2017. 29% of those were the result of a drunk or impaired driver of which 885 people lost their lives in crashes in the month of December alone.

Plan ahead, be honest with yourself and if you plan to drink plan for a sober designated driver to take you home. If you are the designated driver, please take that role seriously, people are relying on you!

**PLEASE BE SMART & SAFE THIS HOLIDAY
AND DO NOT BECOME A 2019 STATISTIC.**