

G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

MARCH 2020



New CERT Members

We would like to congratulate the most recent members who completed their Basic CERT Training on February 19, 2020 hosted by the Gerrish Twp. Police Department. Lori Weinel and Steven Myer completed the six-week training that began on January 15, 2020 and covered such topics as Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Medical Operations, Fire Safety, Traffic Control, Light Search and Rescue, Radio Operations, Disaster Psychology and Terrorism. They have joined the Gerrish Twp. CERT team and will assist on call-outs under the direction of local emergency responders when large scale emergencies occur. They will also assist year-round with community events that require crowd control and traffic safety. Gerrish CERT members will participate in four annual trainings this year including Flood Response, County-Wide Emergency Operations Center Exercise with CERT Trailer Deployment, Skills & Geographical Area Training (Poker Run) and Communications (Radios and Incident Command System). **CONGRATULATIONS LORI & STEVEN** and **THANK YOU** for volunteering to support your Community!!

ACT NOW BOWLING TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

On April 18, 2020, ACT NOW will be hosting a Bowling Tournament at Fred's of Roscommon. The event will start at Noon with Registration at 11:30 a.m. 5-Person Team (mixed guys or gals). \$40 Entry Fee per Person.

SIGN UP EARLY - Maximum 8 Teams!! There will be a large 50/50 Raffle and a chance to win some great prizes!!

Stop in even if you aren't bowling to purchase some raffle tickets (you do not need to be present to win, but tickets must be purchased during the event...no pre-sales on Raffle Tickets).



BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Saturday APRIL 18, 2020

ACT NOW is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
All proceeds to benefit ACT NOW Programs and Projects

Begins at Noon
Registration at 11:30 a.m.
\$40 Per Person
5-Person Team
(Guys, Gals or Mixed)
8 TEAMS MAX
Register Early!!

Large
50/50 Raffle
Strike Ball Tickets
Other Prize Drawings
Raffle to Win a New
Drilled Bowling Ball

FRED'S ROSCOMMON



3 GAMES

CASH PRIZES

1st Place \$500
2nd Place \$250
3rd Place \$20

Fred's Gift Card - Each
Person on 3rd Place Team

Contact Lt. Greg Patchin to Register (989) 821-5207 Ext. 286 or pick up a Registration Form at Fred's or at the Gerrish Police Dept.

**Come on out and support our
first Fundraiser of 2020!!**



UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

MARCH 6th

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

MARCH 11th

6:00 p.m. CERT Team Training (Flood Response &
Gear/Bag Check @ Gerrish Twp. Hall



ACT NOW SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Department will be awarding two \$1,000 Scholarships to Roscommon High School Seniors during the RHS Senior Awards Night Program on May 4, 2020.

Applications are still available on-line at our website www.gerrishpolice.org, at the high school or can be picked up at the Gerrish Police Department.

These scholarships are awarded based on GPA, need and Community Service.

DEADLINE for application submission is APRIL 1, 2020.

Completed application packets can be dropped off at the Gerrish Police Department or mailed to ACT NOW Scholarship Program, 3075 E. Higgins Lake Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653.

The 2020 dates have been set for ACT NOW's Spring & Fall Road Clean-Up. Public is welcome to participate. Our section of road for clean-up is both sides of County Road 100 from the top of Pioneer Hill South to

Hillsdale Drive. Start at the Gerrish Police Dept. End at same spot for free pizza and pop.

SPRING CLEAN-UP: May 19, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.

FALL CLEAN-UP: Sept. 8, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.

Contact Julie at 989-821-5207 Ext. 291 if you would like to help out!

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Together, we can ensure
that our community receives the
resources it needs.

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Learn more at 2020census.gov.

In mid-March, homes across the country will begin receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways:

Online, by Phone or by Mail. When you respond you will tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020 (CENSUS DAY).

If you do not respond to this invitation by May, Census takers will begin visiting homes that have not responded to make sure everyone is counted and will continue visits through July.

The Census takes place every ten years in the United States as it gives an accurate population count and is mandated by the Constitution beginning in 1790 (this year marks the 24th Census of the United States).

Critical data from the Census is used in calculating the amount of Federal funding to support local communities for many programs and services including hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, etc.

Data from the Census also determines the number of seats each State will hold in the U.S. House of Representatives and assists in drawing Congressional and State legislative districts. The Census is being made easier and more convenient than ever by allowing responses on-line and also by telephone. The information you provide is secure and confidential and the cyber-security system used for on-line communications incorporates the industries best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data. The Census Bureau will never ask for a Social Security number, bank or credit card account information, money or donation information or anything on behalf of a political party.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.