



# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

**MAY 2020**



## NEW SIGNAGE

Recently, the Gerrish Township Police Department added a new sign on the South side of their building. The lettering on the front of the building which faces County Road 100 (E. Higgins Lake Drive) is hard to see and the new signage will assist when visitors come to the PD building thinking they are coming to the general Township Municipal Building. The new sign follows the layout for continuity with the complex signage for the Fire/EMS Department (which has been installed on the front South end of their building) and the Municipal Building (which will be installed in the near future).

It is a nice addition to our building and hopefully will serve as a great identification tool for the community.

Thank you to the local business that made the sign for us...Two Rare Design located in Roscommon did a great job!

## EMS WEEK 2020 ~ MAY 17-23

We would like to recognize our first responder partners at the Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department for their critical contribution and service they provide not only to our community but our neighboring communities as well.

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis, our ambulance service and the crews remain dedicated and professional in dealing with any and all emergency calls. THANK YOU to all the Emergency Medical Technicians everywhere for your service and personal sacrifice. Follow the Gerrish Fire/EMS Department on their Facebook page at "Gerrish Township Fire/EMS."

## Law Enforcement TORCH RUN 2020

The Annual Gerrish Twp. Community Run will be a VIRTUAL EVENT this year.

The reason behind going VIRTUAL for this year's event is to keep this ongoing tradition alive while making sure everyone stays safe and healthy and to encourage fundraising for LETR and the athletes of Special Olympics Michigan. Run Week, which is scheduled for September 11th through the 18th this year, is one of LETR's largest awareness tools and fundraising events.

If you would like to participate in this year's VIRTUAL EVENT, please go to

**[give.classy.org/runweek2020](https://give.classy.org/runweek2020)** and register.

Your \$30 donation fee will include a commemorative shirt that will be shipped directly to you. You can create a team or run/walk/jog by yourself. Depending on social distancing guidelines coming this fall, you may be able to walk with others in your community or your organization or department. During Run Week, wear your shirts when you go out and run/walk/jog with a group (whatever is approved at that time), solo, family, friends or even your dogs. Take a photo and submit them showing you participated in the Virtual Run for LETR/SOMI with the following hashtags: #LETRMIVIRTUAL or #LETRMI.

Your photos will be posted throughout that week. Like their Facebook page at "Michigan Law Enforcement Torch Run" and follow this organization.



## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

Due to Governor's Executive Order regarding COVID-19, all ACT NOW and Gerrish Twp. Police Department events and meetings have been suspended or cancelled. Watch for updates once the Order has been lifted.

# Welcome Spring

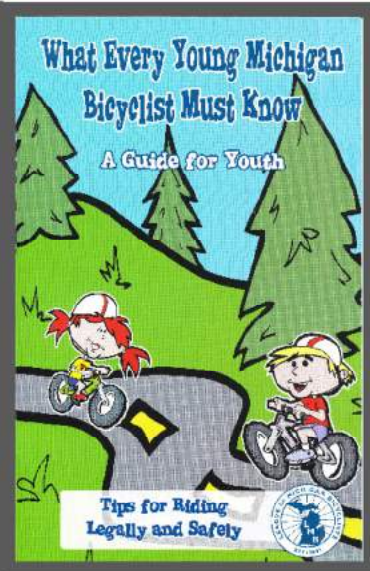
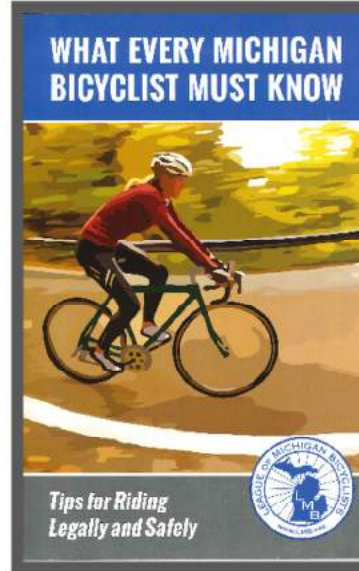
## TORCH RUN SALE SHIRTS AVAILABLE

If you are interested in supporting the Law Enforcement TORCH RUN for Special Olympics Michigan but do not want to join the VIRTUAL EVENT which will be held this year during Run Week of Sept. 11th - Sept. 18th, you can purchase pre-run sale shirts available now at the Gerrish Township Police Department.

These shirts are a heather gray 50/50 cotton/poly blend with the printed design as shown in the below photo on the front and the sponsors on the back. They are available in Adult sizes S-XXL for only \$10 each. If you would like to purchase shirts, please contact Julie Hill at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or email at [jhill@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:jhill@gerrishpolice.org) and we will hold one with your name on it. You can also stop by the Department and pick shirts up.

These shirts are very nice and are not the same shirts you would receive if you register for the Virtual Run Event online. Those will be different and shipped directly to you and can be worn for your photos during Run Week.

These pre-run sale shirts will be available throughout the summer, but get yours early so you can help create awareness for this very worthwhile organization and cause!!



## MICHIGAN BICYCLE TIPS FOR RIDING LEGALLY AND SAFELY

- Follow the rules of the road and ride with traffic flow. Follow traffic signs and signals just like motorists do. Bicyclists can be ticketed for violating traffic laws.
- Use hand signals when turning.
- Stay to the right. Michigan law now requires motorists to give three feet of distance when passing a bicyclist.
- Bicyclists may never ride more than two abreast, however, the safest way to ride with traffic is single file.
- If you need to stop, move completely off the road as far as possible.
- Make eye contact at intersections and signal your intent.
- Utilize Bike Lanes if available and avoid riding on sidewalks. Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians.
- Always wear proper safety gear, especially a helmet and wear brightly-colored, high-visibility reflective clothing.
- Before you ride, make sure your bicycle is checked over and tires are properly inflated. Make sure brakes are in working order and inspect the chain.

For a copy of one of the booklets shown above, stop by the Gerrish Police Department and pick one up. You can also find a downloadable copy at the League of Michigan Bicyclists on their website at: [www.LMB.org](http://www.LMB.org).  
**HAVE A FUN & SAFE BICYCLE SUMMER!**

