



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

AUGUST 2020



GERRISH PD ADDS NEW PATROL VEHICLE TO FLEET...

2020 Ford SUV AWD Police Interceptor vehicle was purchased for \$36,776.00 in June of 2020 and replaces our 2013 patrol unit. The 2013 (previous Patrol Unit #1) had reached its maximum use with 120,700 miles and was replaced following the Department's Vehicle Retention Schedule with this new Patrol Unit #1. This unit has a 3.0 Liter V-6 EcoBoost engine and you will notice the paint color is a Dark Blue which is a bit different than the Ultra Blue color of Vehicle #2 and #3. The Ultra Blue paint color was not available at the time of purchase for this new 2020 vehicle, however the graphic design/lettering color scheme remains the same.

All the vehicles in our fleet are now the same make, model and style and the year-round performance found in the All Wheel Drive is key especially in winter and on trail type access roads.

DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF ACT NOW'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING WHICH IS THEIR LARGEST FUND RAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR, THEY ARE PLANNING A GLOW GOLF EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 AT YE OLDE COUNTRY CLUB IN ROSCOMMON. THIS IS AN OUTDOOR WALKING EVENT WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND ALL COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING AND FACE MASK REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FOLLOWED WHEN APPLICABLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR, MAKE A DONATION OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS REALLY FUN EVENT, PLEASE STOP BY THE GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPARTMENT OR CONTACT OFFICER ERIC MUSZYNSKI AT (989) 821-5207 EXT. 288 OR JULIE HILL EXT. 291. YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL jhill@gerrishpolice.org.



September 12, 2020 (Saturday)
Ye Olde Country Club in Roscommon
\$25 per Person (4-Person Team Scramble)
Come with a Team or Alone and we will place you on a Team
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Registration & "Before the Glow Party"
Tee Off at 8:00 p.m. Limited to 18 Teams - SIGN UP EARLY!
Contact Officer Eric Muszynski at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 288

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES GOLF, PULL CART, HOT DOGS/CHIPS
COVID-19 Guidelines will be Encouraged (Walk-Only Event)
BYOB - BRING YOUR OWN COOLER
BRING YOUR OWN WAGON
BEST DECORATED WAGON WINS PRIZE
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ACT NOW & GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

AUGUST 7th

ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting
2:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Twp. Pavilion (Behind Hall)

SEPTEMBER 4th

ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. @ Gerrish Twp. Pavilion (Behind Hall)

SEPTEMBER 8th

ACT NOW FALL ROAD CLEAN-UP
4:00 p.m. Meet @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.
(PIZZA & POP WILL BE SERVED AFTERWARDS)

SEPTEMBER 12th

ACT NOW & GERRISH PD "GLOW GOLF" Fundraiser
7:00 p.m. @ Ye Olde Country Club

2020 GERRISH CERT TRAINING

CERT Skills Training & Poker Run scheduled for August 22, 2020 has been cancelled.
CERT Communications Training on November 18, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. is still scheduled.
Watch for upcoming on-line CERT Training info.

2020

Shop With
A Cop

STUFFED
ANIMAL
FUNDRAISER

TIE-DYE
TURTLES



Turtles are HERE!! ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Officers will be selling these adorable plush stuffed animals as part of their annual Shop-With-A-Cop fundraising. Turtles are available in three different sizes and all sizes come in three different colors (Blue, Orange and Green). Small 8-inch are \$3.00, Medium 12-inch are \$5.00 and the Large 23-inch are \$10.00. Stop at the Gerrish P.D. to pick yours up or call Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 to place your order and help support this great program!

Motorcycle Safety

Motorists must share the road with a variety of vehicles, including motorcycles. Motorcycle usage is growing in popularity and these machines are often hidden in a vehicle's blind spot or missed in a quick look due to their smaller size. Drivers should use the following tips when driving around motorcyclists:

- Search traffic while driving and expect to see motorcycles.
- Check blind spots before changing lanes or merging. Window and door frames can easily block a driver's view of a motorcycle.
- Double-check traffic at intersections before proceeding.
- When turning left, take a second look for motorcycles. Most crashes between cars and motorcycles occur when cars turn left.
- Do not drive alongside a motorcycle in your lane. It is unsafe and illegal. Only motorcycles can share lanes.
- Be aware motorcyclists use all of their lane and sometimes change lanes to avoid hazards in the roadway or grooved pavements.
- Allow a three or four-second "space cushion" when following motorcycles.
- Focus on the road and avoid distractions such as cell phones and texting when driving.

For further information or to get a brochure visit our website at www.gerrishpolice.org and click on the GTPD tab > Laws > Motorcycle Laws or stop in at Gerrish P.D. for a printed copy.

At the 21st ACT NOW Annual Meeting held on July 20, 2020 the following individuals were elected for the following positions on the Executive Board for the 2020-2021 term:

- CHAIR - John Ellis
- CO-CHAIR - Mike Briggs
- SECRETARY - Julie Hill
- TREASURER - Bob Barber
- MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - John Ellis Jr.
- GAP #1 REP - Sharon Zacny
- GAP #2 REP - Ralph Rowland
- GAP #3 REP - Stan Baysdell
- OFFICER REP - Eric Muszynski
- ADVISORY MEMBER - Chief Brian Hill
- ADVISORY MEMBER - Vacancy
(Advisory Members on Non-Voting)

