



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

APRIL 2021



NEW AED's FOR GERRISH P.D.

Last month, the Gerrish Police Department received three new model ZOLL AED's to replace their much older Cardiac Science models. These old models were purchased in 2005 and two of them had to be replaced due to a company recall in 2010. The new models (shown in photo above) are much more advanced in technology, maintenance, battery life and pad replacement costs.

In many instances, police officers arrive on scene of a cardiac arrest patient before the ambulance and they begin life saving CPR techniques including placing an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on the patient. Once the ambulance crew arrives, they have to remove the AED pads applied by the officers and place their own pads. These new monitors will allow our EMS service to use the new interchangeable pads that are already in place by the officers which will work with their monitor/AED units thus saving time, efforts and costs.

The old AED's cost \$1,383.00 each back in 2005 and these new current models were \$1,630.00 each and included a multi-purchase discount and a carrying case for each unit.

All Gerrish officers are trained in CPR and AED use along with Basic First Aid and three of the officers have received Life Saving Awards including a "Triple" Award by Sgt. LaBonte.

Please Beware...It's "SCAM SEASON"

There seems to be an increased number of scam phone calls, emails and even texts during this time of year as many people are expecting tax refunds and stimulus payments. This means you may have some extra non-essential cash laying around and scammers will try to get it from you!! These can come from what appear to be local organizations as well as State and National groups. The Federal Trade Commission Consumer Information website has a page dedicated to "Scams" and is a great resource to learn how to avoid scams, report scams and what to do if you have been scammed. It also lists common scams that the public needs to be aware of along with the most recent scam alerts. You can sign up to receive scam alerts and get valuable information at the FTC website at www.consumer.ftc.gov.

PLEASE never give your vital personal information such as your social security number, bank account information, birth dates, etc., unless you are positive of who you are dealing with. Give only to established charities that you can independently verify their information.

Remember...if it sounds too good to be true (free trips, cash prizes, etc.) it most likely is a scam.

Scrap Metal Project Opens

Spring yard clean up will soon begin and the ACT NOW Scrap Metal Project will open approximately April 15th. You can drop off any old scrap metal to the utility trailer located behind the Gerrish Police Department next to the Impound Lot fence.

Please, no propane tanks, tires or refrigerators. Scrap metal is taken to a local recycling center and all funds raised from this project support ACT NOW and Gerrish Twp. P.D. community programs and projects.

Roscommon County will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on June 5, 2021 at the Roscommon County Road Commission.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

APRIL 2nd

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

APRIL 4th...EASTER SUNDAY



APRIL 24th

Food Truck Distribution @ Roscommon Area Schools
Bus Garage (10:00 a.m. until food is gone)

COVID CORNER



Mid Michigan Community Health Services will be holding COVID-19 Vaccine clinics on April 9, 2021 in Houghton Lake and on April 16, 2021 in Roscommon.

These vaccines are available to anyone 18 years of age and older.

To make an appointment for either of these clinics, call (989) 422-2157 or visit their website at www.healthynorth.org/covidshot and schedule your appointment online under Step 3 "Request an Appointment."

Remember, even if you have already had your vaccine you still need to wear a mask and follow the 6-foot social distancing recommendations when you are out in public. For more information on vaccines and what to expect go to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus "Vaccines" tab.



It's Time to get REAL

As of October 1, 2021 you will need to have a REAL ID document such as a valid U.S. Passport, an Enhanced Driver's License or a REAL ID compliant Driver's License or ID card **if you plan to travel by airplane in the United States.**

If your Driver's License or State ID card has a star in the upper right hand corner than you are already compliant. If you have an Enhanced Driver's License with or without a star, you are also compliant. If you have a standard Driver's License without a star, than you are non-compliant. There is no additional fee to turn a standard license or state ID card into a standard REAL ID if it is done during your normal renewal time; otherwise a duplicate card fee of \$9 or \$10 will be charged.

Here's what you need to do to get a REAL ID:

- Schedule an appointment at a Secretary of State branch office or call 1-888-SOS-MICH.
- Bring your current driver's license or ID card.
- Bring your certified birth certificate with a raised seal or stamp issued by a governmental agency, your valid unexpired US Passport or an approved citizenship or legal presence document. (No photo copies or faxes.)
- If your name differs from what is on your birth certificate, bring certified documents for every time your name has changed such as a marriage license or court order.

This change is due to the federal government fully enforcing the post-9/11 REAL ID Act.