



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

JULY 2022



NEW LIEUTENANT AT GTPD

Last month the Gerrish Township Police Department bid farewell to Lt. Greg Patchin who retired after 30 years of service in Law Enforcement, all served with the Gerrish Township Police Department.

A promotion process took place in June to replace him and we are proud to announce that our new Lieutenant is Eric Muszynski. Lt. Muszynski has been with the Department for 16 years and was officially promoted on June 11, 2022. He is currently in the conversion phase going from Road Patrol Officer to part of the Administrative staff and is settling in to his new position quite nicely. He will be continuing his leadership and administrative training as the year progresses and is ready to serve the Department and the community in his new capacity. Eric and his wife Kristy have three children and live locally. Please take a moment to congratulate Lt. Muszynski when you see him. This still leaves the Department one officer short this summer and fall as we are sponsoring a Cadet through the Kirtland Police Academy who will graduate in December which will finally bring our staff back up to the full compliment of seven full-time officers.



ACT NOW 23rd Annual Meeting & PICNIC

**JULY 18, 2022 - 6:00 PM
at the Gerrish Twp. Marina**

- Public Welcome
- Bring Your Own Lawn Chair
- Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Potato Salad & Beverages will be Provided
- Plates, Napkins & Plasticware Provided
- 2022-2023 Election of Officers

NO POT-LUCK

All Food Items will be Provided
Bottled Water & Soda Provided
Some Picnic Tables Available



For further information please contact Julie Hill at
(989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or email jhill@gerrishpolice.org

The ACT NOW Executive Board is currently seeking to fill the vacant position of "Membership Chair" which is a volunteer position. The duties involve:

Promoting the growth of ACT NOW.

Maintain records/roster of members of ACT NOW.

Promote and market the goals of ACT NOW.

Research and schedule programs of interest to the membership and assist with events, fundraisers, community programs and projects.

Meetings are once a month (usually the first Friday of each month at 10:00 am held at the Gerrish Police

Department. Other special meetings occur on occasion and may be asked to serve on smaller project committees. If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity come on out to the Annual Meeting for the ACT NOW 2022/2023 Election of Officers.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

JULY 8th

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

JULY 18th

ANNUAL ACT NOW MEETING & PICNIC
6:00 pm @ Gerrish Township Marina

JULY 23rd

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

JULY 26th

2022 National Night Out
6:00 - 8:00 pm @ Richfield Township

13th Annual GOLF OUTING

The 13th Annual ACT NOW Golf Outing is just around the corner. We are currently seeking teams to participate, hole sponsorships, donors and volunteers to assist with hole games.

The event will take place on August 13th at the Redwood Golf Course in Roscommon. We are requesting that teams pre-register so that we have an accurate count. The fee is \$60 per person (\$240 for a 4-person team). The fee includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, prizes, Chinese Raffle, large 50/50 Drawing, water, soda and lunch served afterwards.

This is a scramble style golfing event and we will have several different hole games you can participate in along with "Golfapalooza" Air Cannon games and a chance to win a car with a Hole-In-One!

This is ACT NOW and the Gerrish Township Police Department's largest fundraiser each year and we are looking forward to some great participation after a slow couple years of either cancellation or recovery from COVID.

If you are interested in participating or making a cash or prize donation, please contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or email jhill@gerrishpolice.org.

This event supports community programs and projects such as Shop-With-A-Cop, Trunk or Treat, Home Energy Assistance, Scholarship Program and Foster Children Christmas Program just to name a few! ACT NOW is a non-profit organization and we would be happy to provide you with a receipt for any donation if you request one.

2022 National Night Out

Roscommon County Sheriff's Office

Date: Tuesday, July 26th, 2022
Location: Downtown ST. HELEN
Time: 6 pm – 8 pm
Admission: FREE

Please join us for the 2022 National Night Out.

Come out and see local Police Departments, Fire & EMS and other Public Service Organizations.

Free Hotdogs Games

Snacks Beverages

Prizes Giveaways

Weather Watch

Why are thunderstorms dangerous?

They can produce more severe weather such as tornadoes, lightning, strong winds, flash floods and hail. Of the estimated 100,000 thunderstorms that occur each year in the U.S. about 10% are classified as severe.

Lightning occurs in all thunderstorms and can occur from cloud-to-cloud, within a cloud, cloud-to-ground, or cloud-to-air. Lightning results from the buildup and discharge of electrical energy between positively and negatively charged areas. Rising and descending air within a thunderstorm separates these positive and negative charges.

A cloud-to-ground lightning strike begins as an invisible channel of electrically charged air moving from the cloud toward the ground. When one channel nears an object on the ground, a powerful surge of electricity from the ground moves upward to the clouds and produces the visible lightning strike.

There is no safe place outside during a thunderstorm. Plan ahead to avoid this dangerous situation! Avoid open areas and stay away from isolate tall trees, towers or utility poles. Also stay out of dugouts. Stay away from metal conductors such as wires or fences.

You can count the number of seconds between a flash of lightning and the next clap of thunder. Divide this number by 5 to determine the distance to the lightning in miles. For example, if you count 10 seconds, divide by 5 = lightning is 2 miles away.

Just to clarify...a "Watch" means that certain weather is possible during the next few hours and a "Warning" means that certain weather has been observed, or is expected soon. Severe thunderstorm Warning means: 1 inch or larger hail and/or 58 mph or stronger winds. Watches and Warnings are not issued for lightning because all lightning is potentially fatal and all thunderstorms have lightning.

For more info on thunderstorms and lightning visit www.weather.gov/gaylord.