



# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

NOVEMBER 2022

## Best Decorated



## Most Creative



## Scariest



## Trunk or Treat

Thank you to all of the participants and volunteers that helped make our "14th" Annual Trunk or Treat a big success! We went back to the traditional face-to-face style event this year and 900-1,000 people attended. We had several new trunk participants and along with our regulars we had a total of 41 trunks entered. The weather was ideal and a fun-filled night was had by all!

Winners of the three judged trunk categories were:

**Scariest Trunk - Galen Vernon**

**Most Creative Trunk - Bill & Cindy Beaudoin**

**Best Decorated Trunk - Christi Jones**

Ten Random Drawing prizes were awarded to the following participants:

Michael Walker, Larry Cherven, Andrew Newkirk, Venessa Hammonds, Carrie McGhee, Erin Kramer, Penny Teichman, W&W Auto Parts, Roscommon Co. Sheriff Department, Jan Wilkerson of Messiah Lutheran Church.

Besides trunk or treating, the families were treated to warm cider, donut holes, burn barrel warming stations, great decorations, Halloween music and of course a few screams and scares!!

Special THANK YOU goes out to the Gerrish CERT Team volunteers Bob Barber, John Ellis, Rick Meeks, Jim Vasko, Jeff Morrell, Larry Williams and Steve Myer for traffic control and safety. Thank you also to Mary Beebe for judging, Toy Box Storage and St. Elizabeth's Church for the extra parking areas, Bart's Fruit Market and Dankert's Farm Market for the donated pumpkins,

corn stalks, and hay bales. Thank you also to Markey Twp. FD for lending us some generators for our blow-up decorations and lighting, to the Village of Roscommon for the use of their road barricades and to our cider and donut servers Ralph Rowland, Lynn LeFevere, & Judy and Erin Layton. An extra special thanks goes out to the ACT NOW board members/volunteers, the Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS personnel and the Gerrish Twp. Police Officers for hosting and working this event.

This is our biggest non-revenue generating community event each year and we thank those individuals and businesses that donated candy to help supplement our trunk participants when they ran low. This truly is a giving and supportive community and we hope that next year we can have a great turn out for trunk participants as we will be celebrating our "15th" Annual Trunk or Treat!



**Gerrish Police Department has launched a new look to our website on November 1st.**

**We wanted to bring our current website up-to-date and freshen the way it is viewed and utilized.**

**Our website was originally developed in 2001 and was last updated in 2014.**

**As the electronic era of communication has progressed, we want to provide a user-friendly site that is easy to navigate and to use as a manner of communicating with the public.**

**We are still undergoing some updates and changes with the site, but think you will like what you see!**

**Visit us at [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org) and don't forget to follow us on our Facebook page at GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### NOVEMBER 4th

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

### NOVEMBER 19th

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

### NOVEMBER 24th...



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/03/2022

### Christmas in the Village

11 am - 8 pm      Craft Show inside the CRAF Center  
4 pm - 8 pm      Business Open House  
5:45 pm      Electric Light Parade

12/03/2022

### NMCAC Festival of Trees

Starts at 10 am      Fundraising Event  
At the Roscommon Village Office

12/17/2022

### Stuff the Ambulance

11 am - 3 pm      At the Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Dept.  
Will be collecting items for River House Shelter - Watch for further information on what items are needed

12/19/2022

### Shop-With-A-Cop WRAP PARTY

5:00 pm      At the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.  
Pizza and Pop will be Served



# DRIVE SLOW

## ON ICE & SNOW

Winter is just around the corner and we need to be cautious when driving during the bad weather or when the road conditions are snowy and/or icy. In Michigan, between 2015-2019 there were 220,526 winter-related crashes and 3,101 of those involved fatal or serious injuries. These types of accidents can be avoided if drivers just SLOW DOWN as most winter driving crashes are caused by drivers going way too fast for road conditions.

### FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO STAY SAFE ON WINTER ROADS:

Slow down and allow more room between your vehicle and the one ahead of you. Don't stomp on the brake, accelerate and brake smoothly and gradually.

Put your turn signal on sooner than you would in warm weather months.

Avoid distractions now more than ever, taking your eyes off the road robs you of precious reaction time.

Watch for black ice, a very thin and nearly invisible layer of ice that makes the road look wet but is actually frozen over. Watch for black ice on bridges, ramps, overpasses, after sudden drops in temperature and in shaded areas.

Don't become over confident with Four-wheel-drive vehicles, they are just as difficult to stop and turn on wintry roads.

Don't use your cruise control on icy and snowy roads and keep your headlights on low when driving in snow, rain or fog to reduce the reflective glare.

If your vehicle begins to skid, take your foot off the accelerator and steer in the same direction that the rear of your vehicle is sliding. Avoid steering violently or over correcting as you will just skid in the opposite direction.



### Our Scrap Metal Project

is done for the season. We thank everyone who donated their unwanted and unused scrap metal to our program. We raised \$2,217.18 this year to go towards community programs and projects sponsored annually by ACT NOW and the Gerrish Township Police Department. We will re-open in April 2023.