

# HOME SECURITY BOOKLET

## WARNING



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

PROVIDED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY PEOPLE WHO CARE:



GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

3075 E. HIGGINS LAKE DRIVE

ROSCOMMON, MI 48653

(989) 821-5207 ~ FAX (989) 821-7533

WEB SITE [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org)

AND

ADVISORY COMMUNITY TEAM — NEIGHBORS ON WATCH

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WORKING IN

COOPERATION WITH THE GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPT.



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

# IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

## **EMERGENCIES - Dial 911**

- Non-Emergent Central Dispatch 989-275-0911
- Non-Emergent Gerrish Twp. Police 989-821-5207
- Non-Emergent Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS 989-821-9813
- Non-Emergent Roscommon Co. Sheriff 989-275-5101
- Non-Emergent Michigan State Police 989-422-5103
- Gerrish Township Hall 989-821-9313
- DNR (Roscommon Field Office) 989-275-5151
- Roscommon Co. Animal Control/Shelter 989-366-0260
- Roscommon Co. Road Commission 989-366-0333
- Roscommon Co. Health Dept. 989-366-9166
- Roscommon Co. Transportation Authority (Mini Bus)  
989-366-5309
- Grayling Munson Hospital 989-348-5461
- Consumer's Energy (Emergency) 1-800-477-5050
- DTE Energy (Emergency) 1-800-477-4747
- MISS DIG 1-800-482-7171
- Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222
- River House Shelter (Grayling) 989-348-3169
- Roscommon Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services  
989-366-2300
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children  
1-800-843-5678

## **REPORT IDENTITY THEFT:**

- Social Security Administration 1-800-269-0271
- Federal Trade Commission 1-877-438-4338
- Experian Credit Agency (Fraud) 1-888-397-3742
- Equifax Credit Agency (Fraud) 1-800-525-6285
- Transunion Credit Agency (Fraud) 1-800-680-7289

REPORT ALL IDENTITY THEFT TO YOUR  
LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**G.A.P.S. (GERRISH ALTERNATIVE POLICING STRATEGIES)**

Several years ago, in an effort to continue to improve the delivery of police services to our citizens and in the form of the true "Community Policing" philosophy, Gerrish Township was divided into three areas. Each of the areas are of different size, but the population of each is very close. The reason for this division was to give our officers an area that each was responsible to. That is to say, they are the ones who will assist in solving non-emergency problems in each area. Two officers have been assigned to each area. One of those two officers should be on duty most of the time to assist citizens with neighborhood problems and concerns.

The GAP officers will assist citizens in starting up Neighborhood Watch groups and keep them updated and informed about situations and incidents to be aware of in their areas. GAP officers will be available to assist citizens in a variety of quality of life issues such as Junk & Garbage complaints, barking dogs, neighbor or neighborhood problems, suspicious persons or situations and any other area where the citizen may be experiencing difficulty and would like some help in either solving a problem or assistance in being pointed in the right direction. It is important for citizens to remember that the problem DOES NOT have to be of a criminal nature for one of the GAP officers to lend a helping hand.

It is easy...if you would like to speak with a GAP officer, just call or email. Leave a message and they will get back with you A.S.A.P.

**GAP OFFICERS:**

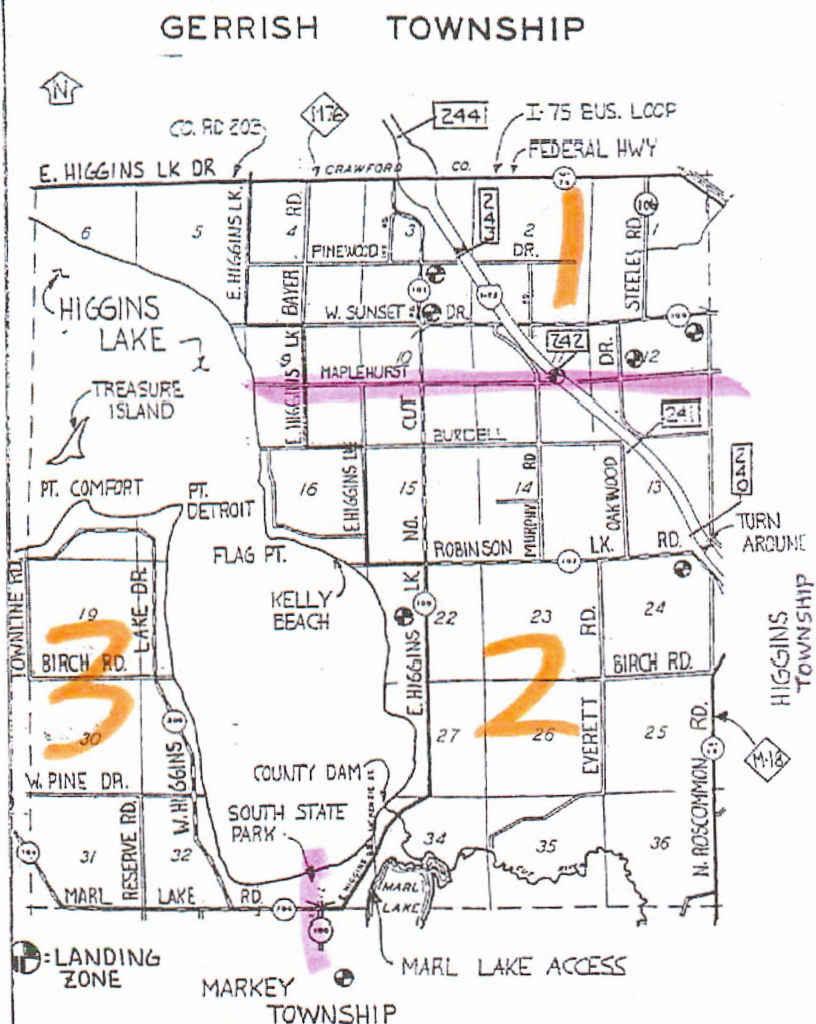
**GAP #1: Lt. Eric Muszynski & Officer John Ellis**

**GAP #2: Sgt. Norm LaBonte & Officer Andy Taylor**

**GAP #3: Officer John Wybraniec & Officer Zack Stachurski**

**(SEE BACK OF BOOKLET FOR CONTACT INFORMATION)**

# GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. G.A.P. MAP



**GAP #1: Maplehurst Road north to the County Line (M-76)**

**GAP #2: Maplehurst Road south to Sharps Corner**

**GAP #3: Sharps Corner west to North Townline Road**

# **Call Your Law Enforcement Officers When You Need To Report A Crime:**

- **Abused Children**
- **Burglary or Robbery**
- **Rape**
- **Drug Pushers**
- **Shootings**
- **Kidnapping**
- **Arson**
- **Molestation**
- **Shoplifting**
- **Embezzlement**
- **Assault**
- **Domestic Violence**
- **Fraud & Identity Theft**

## **WHEN REPORTING A CRIME:**

1. **Speak clearly while describing what happened.**
2. **Give all details. They are important when reporting.**
3. **Stay calm. It never helps to get excited.**

## **GIVE AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE CULPRIT:**

- **Age**
- **Height & Weight and Hair & Eye Color**
- **Color & Kind of Clothing & Footwear**
- **Voice - Accent, Speech Impediment, Tone**
- **Birthmarks, Scars, Tattoos, Moles, etc.**

## **Call Your Law Enforcement Officers When You Need Help For Emergencies:**

Traffic Accidents

Troublesome Drunks

Missing Persons

Trapped Persons

Drownings

Unconscious Persons

Suicide Threats

Fallen Electrical Wires

## **Call Your Law Enforcement Officers When You Are Afraid Or Mistreated By:**

Family Members

Animals

Parents

Other Children

Strangers

Gangs

Teachers

Neighbors

Club Initiations

Unknown Objects

## **Call Your Law Enforcement Officers When Law & Order Needs To Be Restored:**

Riots or Public Disorders

Fights or Confrontations

Use of Weapons

Mob Violence

Family Arguments

Troublemakers or Looting

Floods & Disasters

## **Call Your Law Enforcement Officers When You Need Information About:**

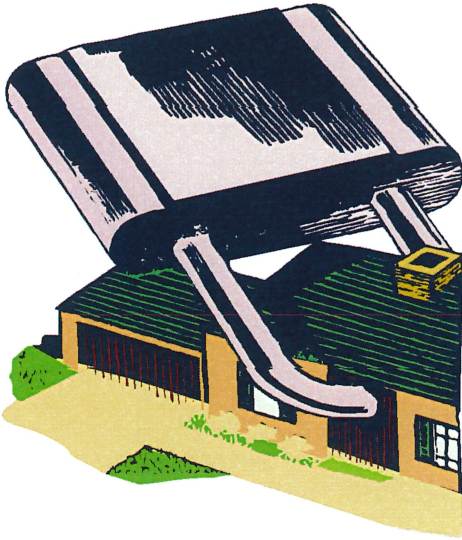
How to Protect Your Home & Property

What to do about Threats, Obscene Phone Calls, Etc.

Laws & Regulations for Your Area

Any Questions about Law Enforcement Matters

# GOOD SECURITY HABITS



## HOUSE NUMBERS:

HOUSE NUMBERS SHOULD BE VISIBLE DAY AND NIGHT FROM THE STREET. IN RURAL AREAS NAME AND HOUSE NUMBER SHOULD BE DISPLAYED ON THE MAIL BOX. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR POLICE AND FIRE/EMS WHEN RESPONDING TO A COMPLAINT OR A CALL. (SEE HOUSE NUMBER ORDINANCE)

**SHRUBBERY:** IS THERE A CLEAR VIEW OF THE DOOR? OR IS IT HIDDEN BY SHRUBS? IF SO, TRIM THE GROWTH SO THAT WOULD-BE BURGLARS ARE DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK UNDETECTED.

**RE-KEY LOCKS:** THIS SHOULD BE DONE WHEN MOVING INTO AN APARTMENT OR WITH SECOND OWNERSHIP OF HOMES.

**USE THE LOCKS:** AN UNLOCKED LOCK IS NOT A LOCK!!

HABITUALLY LOCKING YOUR HOME, CLOSING AND LOCKING GARAGE DOORS WHEN AWAY OR AT NIGHT IS SOMETHING TO BE EMPHASIZED WITH ALL RESIDENTS.

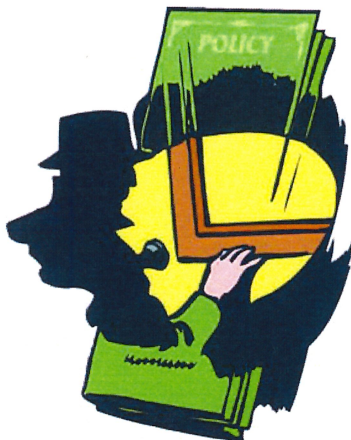
**HIDING KEYS:** AN EXTRA KEY HIDDEN IN A "SECRET" LOCATION SHOULD ALWAYS BE AVOIDED. A BURGLAR KNOWS ALL THE "HIDING SPOTS" AND WILL SEARCH OUT THESE AREAS FOR SPARE KEYS.

DETER AND DENY THE OPPORTUNITY OF BECOMING A THEFT VICTIM...REMEMBER CRIME PREVENTION BEGINS AT HOME.

# KEEP BURGLARS AWAY

## CLEAN UP:

CLEAN UP YOUR YARD AREA. NEVER LEAVE SMALL PORTABLE ITEMS (LAWN CHAIRS, BIKES, ETC.) LAYING AROUND WHERE THEY MAY BE EASILY STOLEN. KEEP THEM IN THE GARAGE OR SHED WITH THE DOOR CLOSED AND LOCKED.



ROUTINE: ALTER YOUR DAILY ROUTINE OCCASIONALLY, TO CONFUSE ANY WOULD-BE BURGLAR WHO MAY BE WATCHING YOUR HOUSE.

LIGHTING: TURNING INTERIOR LIGHTS ON WITH A TIMER IS INEXPENSIVE AND IS RECOMMENDED. A RADIO OR TV LEFT PLAYING DURING THE DAY WHEN AWAY WILL ALSO CONFUSE AND DETER A BURGLAR. EXTERNAL LIGHTING IS ALSO IMPORTANT, BUT EXCLUSIVE USE OF OUTSIDE LIGHTING WHEN THE HOME IS UNOCCUPIED MAY ACTUALLY TIP OFF THE BURGLAR. REPORT ANY BROKEN STREET LIGHTS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

ADMITTING STRANGERS: ALWAYS BE CAREFUL ABOUT ADMITTING STRANGERS. IDENTIFICATION OF SALESPERSONS, PUBLIC UTILITIES PERSONNEL, REPAIR PERSONS AND STRANDED STRANGERS SHOULD ALWAYS BE REQUIRED BEFORE OPENING THE DOOR. CHECK TO SEE WHO THE PERSON IS BEFORE OPENING DOOR BY LOOKING THROUGH A WINDOW OR DOOR VIEWER. NEVER PARTIALLY OPEN THE DOOR, EVEN IF A DOOR CHAIN IS ATTACHED.



# HELP CATCH A CRIMINAL!

No criminal wants to be CAUGHT. But if you SEE or HEAR someone breaking the law, try to REMEMBER what they look like and quickly REPORT them to the police.

The most valuable aid you can give a police officer about a crime is help in the identification of suspects. This and the facts you observe about the crime itself are the two main points on which an officer bases their investigation. These two items can, in many cases, be far more important than the findings made through scientific investigation at the scene such as fingerprints, foot casts, etc. Many times such evidence is non-existent.

FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS and give to the first police officer on the scene.

VEHICLE LICENSE	MAKE	COLOR
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DIRECTION OF ESCAPE	METHOD OF ESCAPE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Foot <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle

NUMBER OF SUSPECTS	MALE	FEMALE
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TYPE OF WEAPON			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Gun	<input type="checkbox"/> Shot Gun	<input type="checkbox"/> Knife	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

**RACE**

**SEX**

**HAIR**

**EYES**

**AGE**

**HEIGHT**

**WEIGHT**

**OTHER REMARKS**

**HAT**

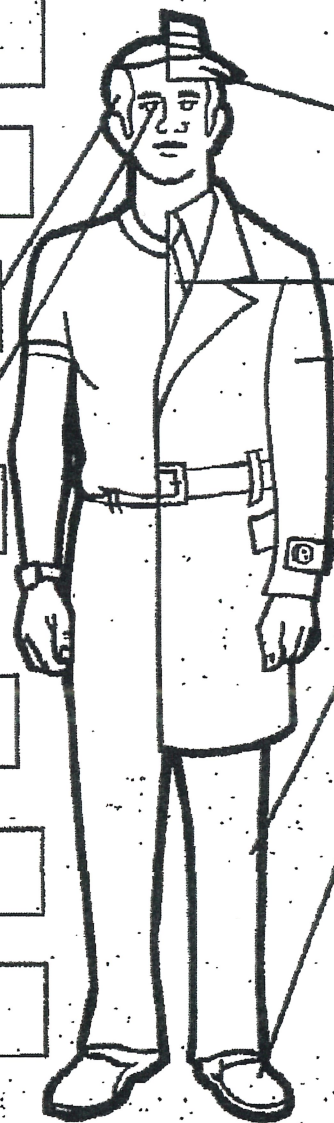
**SHIRT**

**COAT**

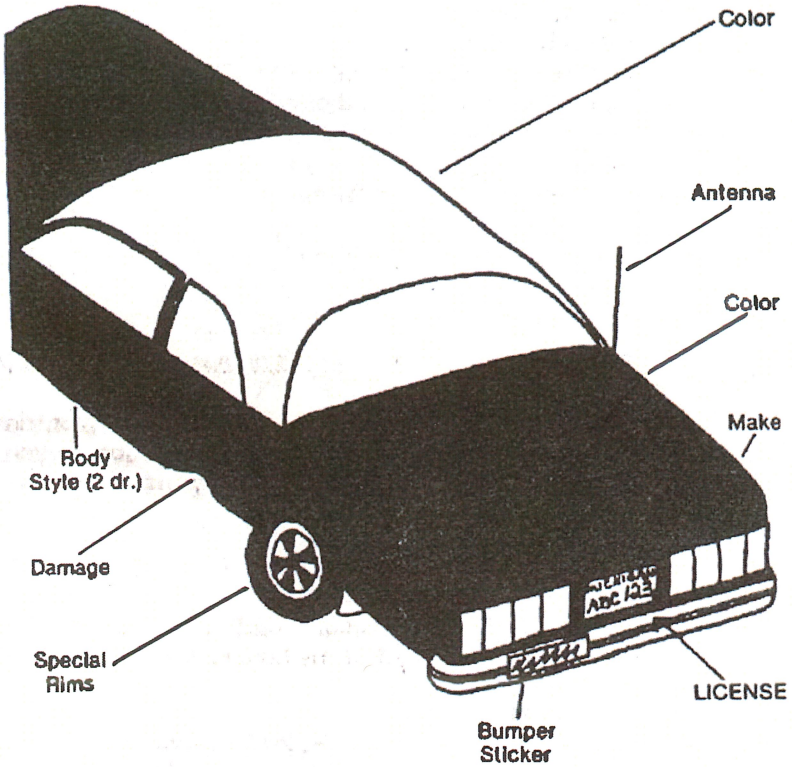
**TROUSERS**

**SHOES**

**SCARS AND  
MARKS**



## VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION



## DESCRIBING A VEHICLE

When describing a vehicle, attempt to supply as much information as possible that would allow the officers to distinguish this vehicle from many others.

Start description from the top of list below:

- 1) LICENSE NUMBERS-most important.
- 2) Color(s)-two-tone, three-tone, etc.
- 3) Body Style-2-door, 4-door, pick up, etc.
- 4) Make-Chevrolet, Ford, Oldsmobile, Plymouth.
- 5) Year-(if not known) new or old.
- 6) Any outstanding features-damage, rust, clean, dirty, CB antenna, etc.

# GERRISH TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

GERRISH TOWNSHIP HAS SEVERAL LOCAL ORDINANCES TO KEEP RESIDENTS SAFE AND INSURE THE QUALITY OF LIFE WHILE RESPECTING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY.

You can get a copy of any of the Ordinances on-line at the Gerrish Township website at [www.gerrishtownship.org](http://www.gerrishtownship.org) under "Services/ Departments" OR [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org) under "Ordinances"

- JUNK & GARBAGE ORDINANCE #16**
- GERRISH TWP. PARK ORDINANCE #17**
- GARAGE SALE ORDINANCE #18**
- NOISE ORDINANCE #19**
- BURNING ORDINANCE #22**
- CEMETERY ORDINANCE #25**
- HOUSE NUMBER DISPLAY ORDINANCE #26**
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT ORDINANCE #29**
- IMPOUND VEHICLE ORDINANCE #30**
- JUNK VEHICLE ORDINANCE #34**
- RESIDENTIAL CAMPING ORDINANCE #35**
- FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE #36**
- COMMUNITY PARK/MARINA ORDINANCE #39**
- FIREWORKS ORDINANCE #45**
- COMMERCIAL NOISE & AMPLIFIED SOUND ORD. #46**
- PROHIBITION OF RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ORD. #47**
- IPMC - RENTAL PROPERTIES ORDINANCE #49**

A VACANT HOUSE IS AN APPEALING TARGET TO A BURGLAR. WHETHER YOU ARE OUT FOR THE DAY, WEEKEND OR FOR AN EXTENDED VACATION YOU CAN ALLEVIATE WORRIES IF YOU TAKE A FEW SIMPLE STEPS TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOUR HOME WILL BE BURGLARIZED OR VANDALIZED WHILE YOU ARE GONE.

## **At least one day before you leave...**

1. Arrange with a neighbor to pick up and hold your mail and newspapers so that they don't pile up or notify you post office to hold your deliveries.
2. Make arrangements to have grass cut and watered while you are gone or to have your snow removed.
3. If you have valuables in the house, take them to your bank for storage in a safety deposit box. Deposit any extra cash in your bank account.
4. Complete a "House Check" form at the police department or on the P.D. website including your departure and return dates and give a telephone number of a neighbor or relative to notify in case of emergency.
5. Make sure any broken windows, door locks or window locks are repaired.
6. Arrange with a neighbor or relative to watch your house and give them a key. Let them know where and how you can be reached in an emergency. Write their telephone numbers down so you can check with them during your trip. Give them your car description and license number.
7. Move all ladders, tools, lawn implements, garbage cans and yard furniture to your garage, basement or storage shed.

## On the day you leave...

1. Unplug all electrical appliances such as radios, television sets, irons, washers, fans and computers to prevent possible damage from electrical storms.  
Make sure all gas appliances are in good working order and that pilot lights are working.
2. Set your thermostat to a reasonable temperature.
3. Close your fireplace flue to prevent birds/animals from entering.
4. Turn down the volume control on telephone answering machine so that it cannot be heard outside.
5. Close and lock all windows and doors. Make sure sliding doors are braced securely and that screens and storm windows are locked or fastened.
6. Leave window coverings open in normal daytime position so that neighbors and police can see inside.
7. Set electrical timers to turn some lights on and off during the evening hours.
8. If you are leaving a vehicle in your driveway, make sure it is locked.
9. Lock your garage doors.
10. Make sure the last person out locks the door.  
Take a walk around the house. Check all the doors and windows.

## Important Personal Phone Numbers:

DOCTORS: \_\_\_\_\_

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DENTISTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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SCHOOLS: \_\_\_\_\_

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WASTE MANAGEMENT/RECYCLING: \_\_\_\_\_

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NEIGHBORS: \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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# GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **Contact Information:**

Dial 989-821-5207 and when the recording starts just push the extension number that you want and you will be immediately directed to that desk.

### Chief Brian Hill (#17-1)

Ext. 287 email: [chief.hill@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:chief.hill@gerrishpolice.org)

### Lt. Eric Muszynski (#17-2)

Ext. 286 email: [Lt.muszynski@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:Lt.muszynski@gerrishpolice.org)

### Sgt. Norm LaBonte (#17-3)

Ext. 285 email: [Sgt.labonte@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:Sgt.labonte@gerrishpolice.org)

### Officer John Ellis (#17-5)

Ext. 288 email: [jellis@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:jellis@gerrishpolice.org)

### Officer John Wybraniec (#17-6)

Ext. 292 email: [jwybraniec@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:jwybraniec@gerrishpolice.org)

### Officer Zachary Stachurski (#17-9)

Ext. 293 email: [zstachurski@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:zstachurski@gerrishpolice.org)

### Officer Andrew Taylor (#17-7)

Ext. 289 email: [ataylor@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:ataylor@gerrishpolice.org)

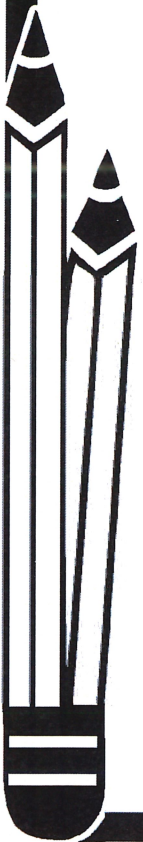
### Julie Hill (Administrative Clerk)

Ext. 291 email: [jhill@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:jhill@gerrishpolice.org)

**Web Site: [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org)**



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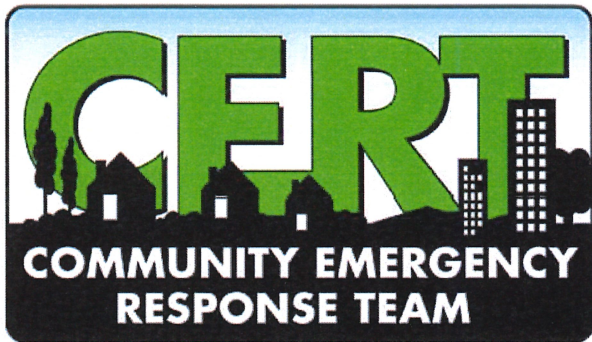


For more information on how to join these  
Gerrish Township Community groups,

Contact...



ACT NOW Secretary Julie Hill  
989-821-5207 Ext. 291  
email: [jhill@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:jhill@gerrishpolice.org)



CERT Coordinator Robert Barber  
989-745-3811  
email: [rwbarber624@outlook.com](mailto:rwbarber624@outlook.com)

OR Gerrish Township Police Chief Brian Hill  
989-821-5207 Ext. 287

# **Help Prevent CRIME**

- ✓ **OBSERVE**
- ✓ **REMEMBER**
- ✓ **REPORT**
- ✓ **RECORD**