


G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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


MAY 2023



As we express our gratitude we
must never forget that the highest
appreciation is not to utter words,
but to live by them.

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

May your Memorial Day
be reflective of those who
have made it possible...



Memorial Day honors those who lost their lives while defending their country in American Wars and also remembers those Veterans who have died during active-duty during peacetime while serving in Overseas Contingency Operations.

America's first Memorial Day observance was on May 5, 1968, it began as "Decoration Day" in 1868. In 1971, it was moved to the last Monday in May. The number of Veteran fatalities during major wars were:

WWI	116,516
WWII	405,399
Korean War	36,516
Vietnam War	58,209
War on Terror	7,075

Trends in active-duty military deaths from 2006 - 2021 totaled 19,378 with the highest number in 2007 and the lowest number in 2016. These deaths occur in a range of categories including accidents, self-inflicted, illness/injury, killed in action, homicide, terrorism and while captured.

Approximately 260,000 graves at the Arlington National Cemetery are decorated with American flags for Memorial Day each year and over 135,000 people visit Arlington National Cemetery over the Memorial Day weekend each year.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE OR HOW YOU SPEND YOUR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR OUR FREEDOM...It is so much more than just a 3-day holiday weekend.

BOWLING Fundraiser

On Saturday, April 22nd, ACT NOW held their Annual Bowling Tournament Fundraiser at Fred's of Roscommon. It was a great time and we raised over \$3,500.00 for all the programs and projects that are sponsored by ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Department every year! There were 8 full teams that participated with a total of 40 bowlers. The top three teams were awarded cash prizes:

1st Place \$500 "Coors Light" Team

Carmine Polisei, Bill Patterson, Adam Wargo, Dave Hoover and Dom.

2nd Place \$250 "Livin on a Spare" Team

Kevin Ragen, Ben Simons, Alyssa Simons, Ryan Randall and Lindsey Randall.

3rd Place \$100 "Troup" Team

Debbie Cummins, Sue Cummins, Sherry Shipley, Nanette Howard and Cathy Tesner

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Mary Beebe who won \$350 and graciously donated \$250 back to ACT NOW after giving each of the waitresses \$50.

There were fifteen awesome prizes that were donated by local businesses and individuals that were raffled off during the event. We held a "Strike Ball" game and after the 2nd game those that entered had a chance to roll a strike and win the pot. The Coors Light team won with a strike thrown by Bill Patterson and they won the \$119 pot.

This event was a lot of fun for the participants and those that were volunteering and watching all the action!

We had a total of 24 lane sponsors and would like to thank all of them for their support of this event.

We would also like to thank all of the prize donors, volunteers, participants and Fred's for hosting the event and providing a great staff to work with that took great care of everyone who was bowling or volunteering.

For more photos and information, visit our website at www.gerrishpolice.org under the "News & Events" page.

SPRING ROAD CLEAN UP

ACT NOW & Gerrish Police Officers will be cleaning up along both sides of County Road 100 from the top of Pioneer Hill south to Hillsdale Drive on May 17th. If you would like to help out, meet at the Gerrish Police Department at 4:00 pm. We will provide gloves, bags, pokers and safety vests.

Pizza and pop will be served to all volunteers afterwards.

For more information contact Julie at 989-821-5207 Ext. 291.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

MAY 12th

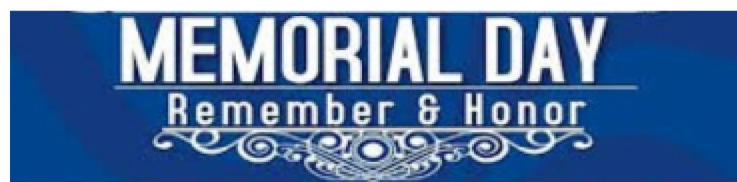
ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting
10:00 am @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

MAY 17th

Spring Road Clean-Up
4:00 pm @ Gerrish Township Police Dept.

MAY 20th

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



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\$\$ DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS \$\$

On April 4th, ACT NOW received a check from Family Fare's "Direct Your Dollars" program.

Thank you to everyone in the community who saved their Spartan Nash store receipts and turned them in to the Police Department.

After collecting receipts for over five years we finally came up with the total needed (\$150,000 in receipts) and received a \$1,000.00 check from them that will go towards the many community programs and projects that are supported by ACT NOW every year. This program has ended through Spartan Nash so we do not need you to turn in further receipts. The company has phased this community giving program out and has replaced it with Hunger, Heroes and Hope Programs.

STOP THE BLEED DAY - MAY 25, 2023

Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call-to-action. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.



The ABC steps are:

A - Alert Emergency Personnel - Call 9-1-1.

B - Bleeding - Locate the bleeding injury.

C - Compress - Apply pressure and compression to stop the bleeding.

Stop the Bleed was started in 2015, after the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy. "Hemorrhage control" or bleeding control was one of the most important factors in saving lives that day. Whether at home or out in public, knowing how to control bleeding can make a life-or-death difference when the need arises.

For FREE on-line training on Stop the Bleed visit <https://www.stopthebleed.org/training/online-course/>

National Awareness

MAY is National Awareness Month for many things...

- Motorcycle Safety Month
- National Bike Month
- National Child Passenger Safety Technician Month
- Stop the Bleed Month
- National Police Week - May 14th thru 20th
- National Safe Boating Week - May 20th thru 26th
- EMS Week - May 21st thru 27th

There are several National observation days and weeks during the month of May. These cover motorcycle, bicycle and boating safety awareness. Police Officers and Emergency Medical Technicians are also honored during separate weeks in May. National Child Passenger Safety Technicians are also highlighted during the month.

Did you know that Gerrish Township has two certified National Child Passenger Safety Techs on staff? Officer Zack Stachurski is available at the Gerrish PD to assist with proper child seat placement and safety seat inspections along with Firefighter/EMT Josh Sanford at the Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Department.