



# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

JULY 2023



## ACT NOW 24th Annual Meeting & PICNIC

**JULY 17, 2023 - 6:00 PM  
at the Gerrish Twp. Marina**

- Public Welcome
- Bring Your Own Lawn Chair
- Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Potato Salad, Beans, Cookies & Beverages will be Provided
- Plates, Napkins & Plasticware Provided
- 2023-2024 Election of Officers

**NO POT-LUCK...**

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

**ACT  
NOW**

Advisory Community  
Team - Neighbors On  
Watch

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

Join us for our Annual ACT NOW Meeting & Picnic which will be held at the Gerrish Township Marina on July 17th at 6:00 pm. We will begin with the picnic...all food, beverages and serving utensils will be provided by ACT NOW...just bring a lawn chair, your family, friends and neighbors! After the food is served, we will hold our ACT NOW Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. We will also re-cap all the events, programs and projects sponsored by ACT NOW and the Gerrish Police Department from last year.

Come out for some great food and conversation with community members, ACT NOW members and Officers from the Gerrish Police Department. If you are interested in serving as a board member for ACT NOW, we will be taking nominations during the meeting. During our last fiscal year we gave back over \$21,600.00 to our local community through our many programs and projects. ACT NOW is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

## Gerrish Adds New Patrol Unit

The Gerrish Police Department has added a new patrol vehicle to their fleet last month. This car does not replace any of the existing patrol vehicles and was purchased primarily through a Gerrish Township ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grant and was ordered in October of 2022. It is a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD, the same make and model as the other three units in the current PD fleet. With the aging of the other units, rotation of vehicles for maintenance and repairs, and shifts overlapping, it was a prime opportunity to add the extra unit at this time.



## Busy 4th of July for Gerrish PD

This was one of the busiest 4th of July holidays that our area has experienced in quite a while. The State parks were full every day and the general population soared in our local community.

Between the dates of July 1st - 5th, the Gerrish Police Department took 32 various complaints/calls for service, wrote 32 citations which included 22 parking violations, four County ORV Ordinance tickets, one PA 56 violation, one Driving While License Revoked, and various other traffic violations. There was also one Domestic Violence arrest.



## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### JULY 7th

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

### JULY 17th

ACT NOW Annual Meeting & PICNIC  
6:00 pm @ Gerrish Twp. Marina  
Bring a lawn chair...come rain or shine!

### JULY 22nd

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

## JULY is National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month

Did you know that in the U.S. a vehicle is stolen every 32 seconds...in 2022 more than 1 million vehicles were stolen and one half of those were due to driver error. 74% of thefts are passenger cars.

You can prevent vehicle theft, which is most prevalent in the summer months by following these few tips:

- 1) Park in well lit areas.
- 2) Close and lock all windows and doors.
- 3) Put away your valuables.
- 4) Don't leave your keys in your vehicle.
- 5) Don't leave the area while your vehicle is running.
- 6) Remember to lock your vehicle every time you walk away and even when parked in your driveway.

Vehicle thefts have a significant economic impact and costs Americans more than 8 billion dollars per year. For more information on Vehicle Theft Prevention visit [NHTSA.gov/theft](https://www.nhtsa.gov/theft).

## 2023 National Night Out

Roscommon County Sheriff's Office will be hosting their National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 1st, from 6-8 pm at the Houghton Lake Walmart.

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

**FREE HOT DOGS - GAMES - SNACKS  
BEVERAGES - PRIZES - GIVEAWAYS**



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out is celebrated the first Tuesday every August to enhance relationships between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community under positive circumstances.

## 14th Annual GOLF OUTING

ACT NOW and the Gerrish Police Department will be hosting their annual Golf Outing fundraiser on August 12, 2023 at the Redwood Golf Course. Registration will begin at 9:00 am with a Shotgun Start at 10:00 am. The fee is \$60 per person (\$240 per team) and includes a four-person scramble with multiple hole games, golf cart, prizes, Chinese Raffle, large 50/50 Raffle and lunch served afterwards. Water and pop are also included, other beverages can be purchased at the Redwood Golf Course Club House or beverage cart.

Registration forms are available at the Gerrish PD or online at our website [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org) under the "News & Events" header.

If you would like to be a hole sponsor or donate a prize, please contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291. Hole sponsorships are \$100-Bronze, \$250-Silver and \$500-Gold.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year and all proceeds benefit our community programs and projects such as Shop-With-A-Cop, Trunk or Treat, Scholarship Program, Kids Helping Kids Foster Children Program, Home Energy Assistance Fund, and our CERT team just to name a few!

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

### GERRISH TOWNSHIP FIRE/EMS

#### 5th Annual OPEN HOUSE

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

*Outdoor Movie @ 9:00 P.M. (dusk)*



Kid's Activities



Sprinkler

Snacks



Station  
Tours

2997 E. Higgins Lake Dr.  
Roscommon, MI 48653

Please see Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Facebook for more details.

Tool Demos.



Car Seat Install



Spray the Hose