

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

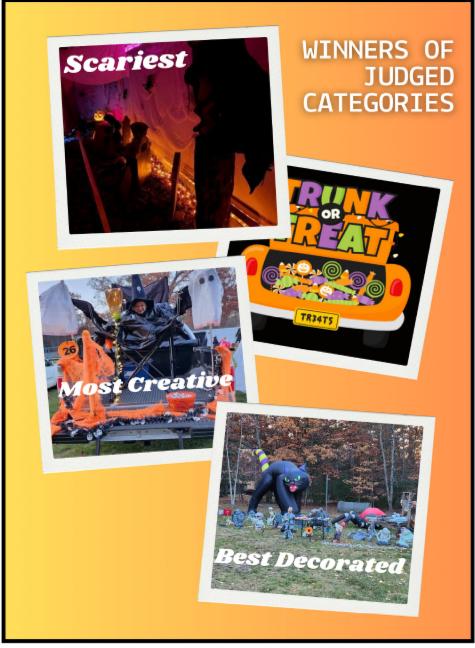
NOVEMBER 2023

15th Annual Trunk or Treat

Thank you to all of the Trunk or Treat participants who showed up despite the cold weather. We had 36 trunks participate and 855 people attended. Random Prize drawings were awarded to 10 of the trunks that participated and the winners of the three judged categories were:

Best Decorated - Bill & Cindy Beaudoin Most Creative - Tom & Lisa Worobec Scariest - Jesse & Victoria Watters This event would not be possible without the donations, support and volunteers from our local community. We would like to of course thank all of the trunk participants and everyone who donated money or candy. We would like to thank our partners ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Department. A special thank you to our Gerrish CERT team volunteers for providing traffic/safety control, Roscommon High School NHS students for their assistance during the event and to Terri & Pat Mrosz, Lvnn LeFevere and Ralph Rowland for helping out with the hot cider and donuts.

Thank you to Toy Box Storage and St. Elizabeth's Church for allowing our overflow parking, Lil' Willies for the porta-potties, Dankert's Farm Market for the corn stalks and pumpkins, South Higgins Lake State Park for the wood for our burn barrels and the hay bales, Village of Roscommon DPW for the road barricades, Roscommon County Prosecutor's Office for judging our trunks and to Gerrish Township for signage and allowing us to use their grounds. THANK YOU to the volunteers who served on the Trunk or Treat event committee and all of their work before, during and after the event!



Next month we will be holding our 22nd Annual Shop-With-A-Cop Program and our 15th Annual Kids Helping Kids Foster Christmas Program. For more information on these program, visit our website at www.gerrishpolice.org under the ACT NOW Programs and Projects page. If you would like to make a donation to any of these community programs, please contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or you can make your donation on-line securely through our ACT NOW Square account using our electronic donor form link (see back side of this Newsletter for further information). Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

NOVEMBER 3rd

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

NOVEMBER 5th



NOVEMBER 18th

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

NOVEMBER 23rd



Gerrish Police Department NEWS

The Gerrish Police Department has started the 3-year process of becoming a State Accredited Agency and joins 54 other agencies throughout Michigan that are currently in this process. Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping law enforcement agencies calculate and improve their overall performances by adapting to meet standards and professional objectives that have been set by the State. Accreditation status represents a significant professional achievement and acknowledges the implementation of written directives, policies, and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. Currently there are 65 law enforcement agencies that have already achieved their Accreditation status.



We have also updated our Field Training Officer program and have switched from a paper style process to a fully digital platform for training our new incoming officers. We will be utilizing this training platform for the first time this December with our newest Academy recruit. This paperless approach will cut back on the administrative hours spent during this 17-week Field Training Program. The new platform also allows administrative staff to easily track trainee progress, generate reports, store information electronically and archieve all records indefinately.

THE GIVING SEASON IS UPON US AND ACT NOW HAS CREATED A QUICK AND EASY WAY TO DONATE TO OUR MANY COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS BY USING YOUR CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD. YOU CAN VISIT OUR ELECTRONIC DONOR FORM BY SCANNING THE QR CODE AT THE RIGHT OR BY FOLLOWING THIS LINK: https://form.jotform.com/232964895904068.

THERE IS A SECTION ON THE FORM TO SPECIFY WHAT PROGRAM YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR DONATION TO BE DIRECTED TO. SECLECT "GENERAL" DONATION, "SHOP WITH A COP" DONATION, "KIDS HELPING KIDS FOSTER CHRISTMAS" DONATION OR OUR "SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM" DONATION.



We at the Gerrish Township Police Department strive to continually improve our communication methods and community engagement efforts with you, our community and neighbors. We are proud to announce the launch of our new Mobile App as just another example of how we endeavor to continue to meet the needs of the public we serve. Our Department works diligently to maintain the highest standards of professionalism, accountability, and community service. Download our App free at the App Store or Google Play by searching GERRISH TOWSNHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT or scan the QR code below for a quick link.



