



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

DECEMBER 2023

From All of Us at Gerrish Police Department...



Have a very Merry Christmas!

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Gerrish PD & Community Giving

Our Annual SHOP-WITH-A-COP "Wrap Party" will take place on Monday, December 18th at 5:00 pm at the Gerrish Police Department. Come and join ACT NOW Board Members and Gerrish Officers as we wrap all the gifts for the families that we adopt during our 2023 Shop-With-A-Cop Program. This is our 22nd year of sponsoring this event and to date we have brightened the holiday season for 163 families in need in our community, including 271 adults and 575 children. All funds for this event are donated by individuals and businesses or raised throughout the year during ACT NOW fundraising events. Officers shop with one child from each family to encourage positive law enforcement interaction with the children.

Check out the Gerrish Police Officers tree at the NMCAC Festival of Trees Fundraiser during Christmas in the Village on Dec. 2nd. All trees are up for bid at the Roscommon Village Hall starting at 10:00 am.



Holiday Safety Tips

The holiday season can bring joy but can also present unique safety challenges. Here are some tips to safeguard your home and yourself, especially during this time of year:

Secure your home during holiday travels by locking all doors and windows. Report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood by calling Roscommon County Central Dispatch non-emergent number at 989-275-0911. If you witness something that is an emergency, always call 911 and report the incident as it is happening so Officers have a better chance of arriving while any crime may be occurring.

While shopping or parking in lots, always park in well-lit areas and remember to lock your doors. Look around the parking lot for suspicious people before you exit or enter your vehicle. When approaching your vehicle scan underneath, front and back and check front and rear passenger seats inside before you enter. Carry purses close to your body, do not dangle them from straps and carry wallets in an inside coat or front pants pockets (not back pockets) to prevent snatching. Let someone know where you are going, what route you will be taking and when you expect to return.

Beware of fake shipping alerts! Cybercriminals are sending messages claiming lost or late packages via UPS, FedEx and USPS. Watch for signs such as bad grammar and bad spelling, links to "resolve" issues, urgent claims of lost items and unexpected delivery alerts. Always check sender's address and know where your packages are coming from by verifying tracking numbers on official websites or contacting the delivery service directly for confirmation. Always avoid clicking on suspicious links!

'Tis the season to be on the lookout for holiday scams. These can be on-line or by phone and use fake charities, on-line shopping frauds and Phishing emails and calls. Always verify charities before donating, shop from reputable secure websites, be cautious of unsolicited calls or emails and keep software updated.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

DECEMBER 1st

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

DECEMBER 9th

Stuff the Ambulance for Local Veteran's Families
11:00 am - 3:00 pm @ Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Dept.

DECEMBER 9th

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

DECEMBER 18th

Shop-With-A-Cop WRAP PARTY
5:00 pm @ Gerrish Twp. Police Department



HOLIDAY SEASON DRUNK DRIVING CAMPAIGN

Did you know that 37 people in the US die in a drunk driving crash every day. In 2021, 13,384 people died in alcohol-impaired driving traffic accidents which is a 14% increase from 2020. Interaction between alcohol and other substances in the body such as certain medications or illegal drugs increase impairment and make driving more risky.

These deaths and accidents are preventable!

Plan a safe ride home if you will be celebrating and choose a non-drinking friend or relative as a designated driver. If someone you know has been drinking, do not let them get behind the wheel, take their keys and provide them a sober ride home. If you drink, do not drive for any reason, call a taxi or service or a sober friend or relative to pick you up. If you are hosting a party where alcohol will be served, make sure all guests leave with a sober driver. Always wear your seat belt, it is your best defense against impaired drivers and if you see an impaired driver on the road, call 911 and report it to your local law enforcement. Your actions could help save someone's life.

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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. SELECT GENERAL DONATION, SHOP WITH A COP, KIDS HELPING KIDS FOSTER CHRISTMAS, HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE OR OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

STUFF THE AMBULANCE

Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Presents:

Stuff the Ambulance

Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department will be hosting their Annual STUFF THE AMBULANCE this holiday season.

This year donations will support local Veterans and their Families
CASH DONATIONS ALSO ACCEPTED



DECEMBER 9, 2023

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Gerrish Fire Station - 2997 E. Higgins Lake Dr.

Contact Asst. Chief-EMS Kristi Gilliam with any questions
(989) 745-8008

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

We will gladly accept donations any time at the Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Department if you are unable to make it on the day of the event.

