

# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

**MARCH 2024**

## An Old Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart and home.  
May good and faithful friends be yours,  
wherever you may roam.  
May peace and plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures.  
May all life's passing seasons  
bring the best to you and yours!

## Gerrish CERT - New Members

This month, the Gerrish Police Department along with Instructors from our CERT team will wrap up the 20-hour Basic CERT training for five new members. Joining the team will be Veronica Blodgett, Mary Eiteuner, Dondi Meitz, Terri Mrosz, and Pat Mrosz. They will have successfully completed the FEMA course which covers topics such as Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Medical Operations, Fire Safety, Terrorism, Disaster Psychology, Light Search & Rescue, and the CERT Organization.

We add a couple other components, like Traffic Control and Radio Communications, that are helpful when our CERT volunteers work community events along with a review of our Gerrish CERT Policy.

We would like to thank these individuals for stepping up as volunteers for our CERT team that is an essential part of our Gerrish public service team. CERT volunteers can be called out for assistance during natural disasters, deliberate attacks, search and rescues, crowd control, traffic/pedestrian safety, and emergency preparedness community events.

Thank you also to our Instructors Chief Brian Hill, Lt. Eric Muszynski, Sgt. Norm LaBonte, Julie Hill and CERT Instructor Mike Briggs.

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## Coffee With A Cop

Mark your calendars and stop by the North Winds Pizza & Subs on Saturday, March 9th between 9:00 am - 11:00 am and enjoy free coffee, donuts and conversation with our local Law Enforcement Officers.

Thank you to our event partners North Winds Pizza & Subs (Heath), ACT NOW and Got Your Six Veterans (TK) for providing the venue and the free coffee and donuts.



# JOIN

## Your Neighbors and Police Officers for Coffee and Conversation!

Come join the Gerrish Township Police Dept. and chat with some of the officers that work in your community!  
No agenda, just a chance to meet and talk about whatever you would like.



**March 9, 2024**

North Winds Pizza & Subs

9015 N. Cut Road, Roscommon

**9:00 - 11:00 AM**

**FREE COFFEE**

Provided by **ACT NOW**



**FREE DONUTS**

Provided by  
**GOT YOUR SIX VETERANS**

Immediately following the event, Jake from Guardian Defense will be offering a **FREE Firearms Basic class**. This is an entry level class designed to give users knowledge, understanding and better confidence in handling hand guns. Informational only, no range time. It is a 3 hour class. Guardian Defense has been sponsoring the Roscommon County Sheriff's Youth Academy cadets for the past couple years. Jake will be on hand at the Coffee With A Cop event to answer questions and take any donations to help support the 2024 Roscommon County Sheriff's Youth Police Academy.



## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### MARCH 1st

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

### MARCH 9th

COFFEE WITH A COP  
9:00 am - 11:00 am @ Northwinds Pizza & Subs

### MARCH 10th

Daylight Saving Time Begins - SPRING FORWARD



### MARCH 17th

### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



### MARCH 23rd

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

**SCRAP METAL TEAM** of Stanley Baysdell and Dave Blazejewski were recognized at the Gerrish Township regular board meeting on February 13th for their 16 years of service to the ACT NOW Scrap Metal Project. They volunteered to load, sort and haul the scrap metal trailer to the recycling center during each season which has raised over \$31,500 to go towards the many community programs and projects sponsored by ACT NOW and the Gerrish Township Police Dept. They have "retired" from the project and Carlos Jean-Francois has stepped in to head up the project. We are still looking for people who might be interested in assisting every couple of weeks during the season which runs from April 15th - October 15th. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information, please contact us at the Gerrish Police Department.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH STAN & DAVE!!**



ACT NOW will be hosting their Annual Bowling Tournament fundraiser on April 13th at Fred's of Roscommon.

Team Registration (Check In) will begin at 11:30 am with bowling starting at Noon. There is room for eight 5-person teams (can be guys, gals or mixed). Cost is \$50 per person (\$250 per team) and cash prizes will be awarded to 1st Place - \$500, 2nd Place - \$250 - 3rd Place \$100.

Bowlers will also have the opportunity to take home some extra cash by entering the Strike Ball drawing.

There will also be a large 50/50 Cash Raffle and Prize Drawings so stop by and check those out, you do not have to bowl to participate in the raffles.

We are currently seeking Lane Sponsors for \$100, your logo will be on display above the lanes or next to them. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please drop those off or contact the PD at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291. Registration forms are available from the PD or at Fred's. Don't miss out on this fun-filled event!!

For more information, contact Julie at the above number.



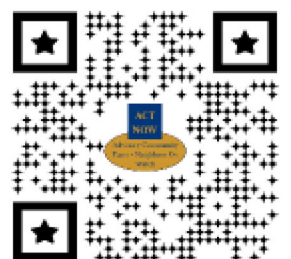
*Pictured left to right: Bob Barber (ACT NOW Treasurer), Ralph Rowland (ACT NOW Board Member), Dave Blazejewski, Stan Baysdell (ACT NOW Board Member), John Ellis (ACT NOW Chair)*



### ACT NOW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ACT NOW will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Roscommon High School seniors this May. Application packets are available at the Gerrish Police Department, online at our website or by scanning the QR code at the right. These awards are based on Community Service, GPA and need.

**Deadline for submission is APRIL 1, 2024**



**SCAN ME**