

# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

APRIL 2024



## Gerrish CERT Welcomes New Members

We would like to welcome five new members to our CERT team. Joining the team are Veronica Blodgett, Dondi Meitz, Terri Mrosz, Pat Mrosz and Mary Eiteuner. *(Pictured below left to right)* They will have successfully completed the FEMA CERT Basic Training. 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.



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## Chief Hill Retires

At the regular Gerrish Twp. Board Meeting on March 14th, the board officially accepted Chief Brian Hill's retirement effective March 30, 2024. After a 42 year career in Law Enforcement he feels that his time has come to move on. He states, "If you worked at something you love, you have not worked a day in your life" and this is how he truly has felt about his career. He has achieved many goals, however the one that stands out the most is being able to have served in one community for his entire career. He further states, "It has been an honor to have been accepted by the community where I have lived, worked and raised a family and I want to give a very heartfelt thank you to the citizens and regular visitors to our community of Gerrish Township."

Chief Hill began his law enforcement career in 1982 and was promoted to Sergeant in 1994. He became the second full-time Chief in 2006, replacing his predecessor Chief Jack Biggar. He states that looking forward there are many challenges facing the Law Enforcement/Public Safety sector. There is much work to be done and it is time for the old guard to step down to take advantage of the existing talent to lead those challenges head on, face to face."

"In January of this year, I came to work and I truly felt it was my time to move on as I had been planning and cultivating a succession for my impending retirement with my command team here at the Police Department. A huge thank you to the Gerrish Township Board for believing in me and authorizing very early to identify and plan a succession that could come from within our Department of others who love Gerrish Township and Higgins Lake like I do."

Therefore, effective March 30, 2024, your new Chief of Police will be Eric Muszynski. To fill out his command team so they can have a seamless transition, Norman LaBonte has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and John Wybraniec has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. John will still remain our School Resource Officer. "My wish is that you would embrace and support them as well as you have supported me."

Brian has accepted the appointment of Interim Gerrish Township Supervisor effective March 30, 2024. "Cheers to a great future!"



## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### APRIL 12th

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

### APRIL 13th

Annual Bowling Tournament Fundraiser  
Noon (Registration Begins at 11:00 am) @ Fred's

### APRIL 15th

Scrap Metal Project Opens for the Season

### APRIL 27th

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



**MAY THE FOURTH  
BE WITH YOU**

**2024 ROTARY  
SPRING  
AUCTION**

**SATURDAY  
MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

**\$50** INCLUDES DINNER, DRINKS, LIVE AND  
SILENT AUCTION, AND ENTERTAINMENT!

AT THE CRAF CENTER 606 LAKE ST., ROSCOMMON

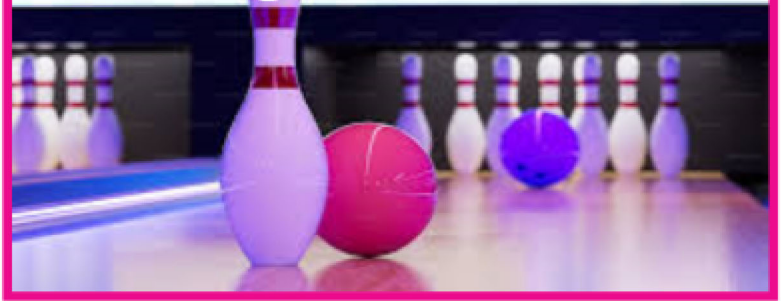
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT  
[www.roscommonrotary.com](http://www.roscommonrotary.com)

### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Gerrish Twp. Police Officers and ACT NOW volunteers will be doing our Spring Road Clean Up on 05/15/24 at 4:00 pm. We start at the PD and bags, gloves, safety vests, pokers and buckets are provided. We serve pizza and pop afterwards to all the volunteers. We clean up along both sides of County Road 100 from the top of Pioneer Hill to Hillsdale Drive. Contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 if you would like to sign up to help out.

## Bowling Tournament



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. We still have room for a couple more teams so come out and join us! Teams are 5-person (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 prize raffle or the 50/50.

We are currently seeking Lane Sponsors for \$100, your logo will be on display under the score boards.

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.

## LE TORCH RUN SHIRTS & COINS



This is the 40th Anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Michigan Special Olympics.

This year's sale shirt is available to the public for a \$20.00 donation. It is dark gray with navy and white lettering. Shirts are available in sizes Adult Small thru XXX-Large. They are made of a cotton/poly/spandex blend.

This year we are also selling Challenge Coins to commemorate the 40th Year. The challenge coins can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Shirts and Challenge Coins are available at the Gerrish Police Department or call (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291.

