



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

AUGUST 2025

ACT NOW Annual Meeting & Picnic

On July 21st, ACT NOW held their 26th Annual Meeting & Picnic at the Gerrish Township Marina Park with 61 guests in attendance. After enjoying a great meal provided by Blue Line Q and Brew, the official annual meeting took place and the following volunteers were elected to the 2025-2026 ACT NOW Board:

- CHAIR - John Ellis
- CO CHAIR - Mike Briggs
- SECRETARY - Julie Hill
- TREASURER - Bob Barber
- MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - Carlos Jean Francois
- COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - Stan Baysell, Ralph Rowland, Sharon Zacny
- PD REPRESENTATIVE - Officer Zachary Stachurski
- ADVISORY MEMBERS (Non-Voting) - Chief Eric Muszynski and Citizen Representative Patrick Mrosz

Thank you to all of the above members for volunteering your time and service to the ACT NOW Board and the community. ACT NOW is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works closely with the Gerrish Twp. Police Department in fundraising and sponsoring many annual community programs and projects. ACT NOW began in 1999 to proactively work with local law enforcement to better the community in which we all live, work and recreate.

For further information on ACT NOW history and all of their events, fundraisers, programs and projects, visit www.gerrishpolice.org and go to the ACT NOW page.



We are looking for sponsors for our "16th Annual ACT NOW Golf Outing" fundraiser that will be held at the Redwood Golf Course on August 9th. You can make any monetary donation or you can be an official Bronze Sponsor (\$100), Silver Sponsor (\$250) or a Gold Sponsor (\$500). Your donation will be acknowledged with your name/logo on a sign at a tee box on the course and on a donor flyer that will be displayed inside the club house. This is a great way to advertise a business, organization, group or to recognize and honor an individual or remember a loved one. Contact Julie at Gerrish PD at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 for more information or to make a donation. **THANK YOU!**

The Annual Gerrish Twp. 5K Community Run will take place on 09/09/25 at 6:00 pm. Registration starts at 5:00 pm at the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. The run/walk/bicycle event will end at the South Higgins Lake State Park boat basin pavilion area where hot dogs, chips, water and transportation back to your vehicle will be provided. Go to the back of this Newsletter for registration information.

WELCOME DALLAS McGEARY

Last month, Dallas McGeary started his employment as a Full-Time Road Patrol Officer with the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. Dallas comes to GTPD as a 26-year veteran law enforcement officer who last served as the Denton Township Police Chief in Prudenville.

He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Department and is looking forward to sharing his specialized skills in criminal investigation and looks forward to



assisting and mentoring the Department's younger officers.

Dallas is married and has a young son. We are excited to have Dallas as part of our team and extremely glad that he chose our Department as he continues his journey in public safety. **WELCOME to our team Dallas.**

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

AUGUST 1st

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

AUGUST 2nd

Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS OPEN HOUSE
4:00 - 7:00 pm @ Gerrish Fire Station

AUGUST 5th

National Night Out - Free Community Event
6:00 - 8:00 pm Downtown St. Helen

AUGUST 9th

ACT NOW Annual GOLF OUTING
10:00 am @ Redwood Golf Course
(Registration Starts at 9:00 am)

AUGUST 23rd

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



GERRISH TWP. 5K COMMUNITY RUN

Tuesday, September 9th

5:00 PM Check-In

6:00 PM Start Time

Gerrish Twp. PD

\$30 includes Annual LETR Shirt
\$10 Dog registration - bandana



Register Here

Contact Julie Hill at 989-821-5207 Ext. 291 for more details
Registration forms available at Gerrish Twp. PD

Join us for Flame of Hope week, where your support empowers incredible athletes across Michigan who compete year-round for Special Olympics Michigan, at no cost to them. By participating, you become a beacon of hope, raising funds and awareness for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Carry the Flame of Hope and run or walk alongside our local athletes, community members, and passionate LETR volunteers. Together, we can inspire change and make a difference!

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

FALL ROAD CLEAN UP
SEPTEMBER 17
4:00 PM at the
Gerrish Police Dept.
Call 989-821-5207 Ext. 291
to Sign Up

CADET DYLAN SHARROW

On March 11, 2025, the Gerrish Township Board authorized Chief Muszynski to offer a Sponsorship to Dylan Sharrow to attend the Kirtland Regional Police Academy that will begin on August 11th and end on December 5th. Dylan applied

for a Sponsorship in December of 2024. Like many police agencies, Gerrish Twp. Police Department began offering Sponsorships to interested and eligible candidates to become law enforcement officers and receive their training and fulfill the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) requirements while being employed by an agency. We began this program in July of 2023 to address the huge problem of recruitment and retention of



law enforcement officers. Immediately upon graduation from the Academy, Dylan will begin his Field Training Program as a Full-Time Road Patrol Officer. Part of the funding for his Sponsorship will come from a Public Safety Academy Assistance Program Appropriation through MCOLES to assist with academy tuition fees, salary and benefits, and other associated academy costs.

Dylan has lived in Roscommon County his entire life and comes from a family of public safety service. He is excited to begin the Academy and start his Law Enforcement career. He states, "I am excited about the possibility of working at Gerrish Township given my strong ties to the area and the values your prestigious department has demonstrated over the years. I have a desire to work and live in a community that shares in those values...my heart belongs in Roscommon County and I am eager to start my career in Law Enforcement."

Our Department welcomes Dylan to our team and wishes him much success during his time at the Academy and as he embarks on his journey in a public safety career!

Want to participate in the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Michigan? It's easy.

Go to <https://www.classy.org/event/2025-flame-of-hope-week/e666014> or click the QR code below.

\$30 registration fee includes the Annual LETR shirt. You can register your dog for \$10 to run or walk with you and they will get a cool bandana. See the other side of this newsletter for all the details. Please select Gerrish Twp. Community Run when registering.



Register Here