



GAPS NEWSLETTER



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

ACT NOW GOLF OUTING

ACT NOW with the Gerrish Township Police Department held their annual Golf Outing fundraiser on August 9th.

We would like to thank all the participants, volunteers, businesses, organizations and individuals that supported the event. It was a huge success with \$6,596.26 raised to go towards the many community programs and projects that ACT NOW and GTPD sponsor during the year. 76 golfers participated enjoying the beautiful day and the many games located throughout the course.

First Place "Team Weston" took home a \$400 cash prize and 2nd Place team "Fore Horsemen" took home \$300. 18th Place Random "Team Hillier" won the \$200 cash prize. Team Weston and the Fore Horsemen split up the skins pot and prizes for Men and Women's Longest Drive and Closest to Pin were also awarded. There were 32 prizes that were raffled in our bucket-style auction and the 50/50 Raffle winner was Mike Miller who graciously donated \$200 back to ACT NOW.

We would like to give a special thank you to the Redwood Golf Course staff, Cut River Food Truck, The Bird & The Bear Bakery and Cut River Grille (our Golfapalooza Sponsor). For more information and pictures of the event, visit our website at www.gerrishpolice.org/golf-outing/.

LT LABONTE RESIGNATION

Last month, Lt. Norm LaBonte resigned from the Gerrish Police Department. Norm served for 15-1/2 years with our Department as a Road Patrol Officer, a Sergeant and a Lieutenant. He is currently seeking a law enforcement position with the Federal government. We would like to thank Norm for his service to our community and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Our Department is currently accepting applications, both internally and externally, for a qualified candidate for a Full-Time Lieutenant position. If you know of anyone who may be interested, all of the job details are posted on our website at www.gerrishpolice.org/employment/. You can also contact Chief Muszynski at (989) 821-5207 X286. Closing date for this job posting is 09/12/2025.



During National Suicide Prevention Month, we would like to promote the use of gun locks and other safe storage methods to prevent firearm suicide by creating time and distance between a person in crisis and a firearm. Properly storing guns, and ammunition in a separate location can help prevent accidental and intentional deaths. America's deadliest shootings are the ones we don't talk enough about, over half of all gun deaths in the U.S. are suicides. We lose 74 people to gun suicide every day in America - more than are lost to firearm homicides and unintentional shootings combined. 75% of youth firearm suicides occurred with guns that were stored loaded and unlocked.

Safe firearm storage is key to saving lives.

Take a moment to learn about the warning signs of a person in crisis and feel confident in reaching out to them for support. Refer anyone contemplating suicide to call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org to reach the free and confidential suicide crisis service.

Through a generous donation from "Project Child Safe" the Gerrish Twp. Police Department has **FREE** gun locks available to anyone who would like them. There is not a limit on how many you can take. We need to work

together to keep firearms safely and securely stored and save lives!



UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

SEPT 5
ACT NOW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
10:00 AM @ GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPT.

SEPT 6
CERT EVACUATION TRAINING
9:00 AM - NOON @ GERRISH TWP. HALL

SEPT 9
LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN
6:00 PM - REG 5:00 PM @ GTPD

SEPT 17
FALL ROAD CLEAN-UP
4:00 PM @ GERRISH POLICE DEPT.
CALL JULIE TO SIGN UP AS A VOLUNTEER
(989) 821-5207 X291

SEPT 27
FOOD TRUCK DISTRIBUTION @
ROSCOMMON AREA SCHOOLS BUS
GARAGE (10:00 AM UNTIL FOOD IS GONE)



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

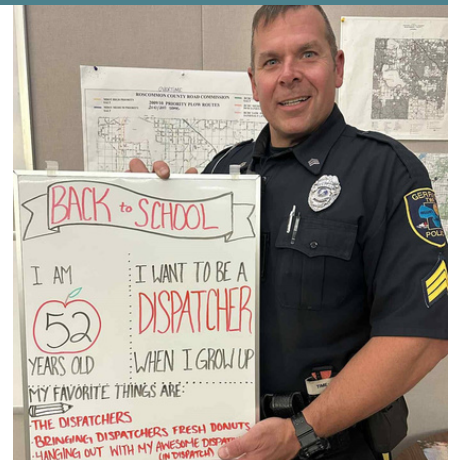
Contact Julie Hill at 989-821-5207 Ext. 291 for more details
Registration forms available at Gerrish Twp. PD

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!

YOU CAN REGISTER THE DAY OF THE EVENT.
THIS IS A 5K RUN/WALK/BICYCLE EVENT.
RETURN TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

SRO BACK TO SCHOOL

August 25th started a new school year and GTPD Sgt. John Ellis was ready to return to his role as School Resource Officer. He did not have the summer off and continued to work a regular



schedule at the Police Dept. He also attended a very intense 45-hour training in July to become a certified Instructor in Active Shooter Intruder Response and will be able to teach this valuable information to the RAPS staff.

SRO Ellis would like to remind all students and parents that with the new Phone Policy students will not be able to use cell phones during the day at any time including in class, hallways, bathrooms, or the lunchroom. This change will improve focus and learning, provide better mental health, fewer classroom distractions and stronger face-to-face connections. RAPS is committed to creating a school culture that supports learning, wellness, and community. We here at the Gerrish Police Department would like to wish SRO Ellis, all the students, teachers, and staff a safe and successful 2025-2026 school year! **GO BUCKS!!**



RAPS Mobile App

Stay up to date with school events, announcements, calendars, and much more by downloading their free mobile app "Roscommon Area Public Schools" at the App Store for iPhones or Google Play.

SAVE THE DATE



TRUNK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 31
6:30 - 8:00 PM