



GAPS NEWSLETTER

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



Welcome

Dylan Sharrow

The first part of December, Dylan Sharrow joined our Gerrish PD team as a Road Patrol Officer. He completed a 17-week sponsored training at the Kirtland Regional Police Academy and has started his Field Training Program here at Gerrish PD.



Officer Sharrow was born and raised in St. Helen, MI. His roots run deep in the public safety industry with his father, Allen Sharrow, being the Chief of Police for the Richfield Township Department of Public Safety and his brother,

Ethan Sharrow being a Deputy at the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office. His mother, Kelly Sharrow, is also an EMT for the Richfield Township Department of Public Safety.

Officer Sharrow brings a young enthusiastic dynamic to our Department and will be mentored by our experienced staff of officers and command.

He looks forward to serving our community and we are happy to have him on board!

During his free time, you can expect to find Dylan somewhere outdoors, on the lake, riding his Harley, shooting guns, golfing, hunting, riding snowmobiles, cooking for events or playing any kind of sport.

If you see Officer Sharrow out and about, make sure to say hello and welcome him to our Department and community!

Our Goals and Objectives

Check out our complete list of Goals & Objectives at www.gerrishpolice.org/departments-goals-objectives/

As our Department reviews its goals and objectives from 2023-2026, we are quite pleased that we have been on point for several of the targeted areas. We have not been fully staffed since these goals and objectives were established and we are happy to announce that our staffing goal of maintaining a stable and experienced staff is coming to fruition.

We have strived to keep up with the latest strategies for recruiting and retention in the police profession by implementing an Academy Sponsorship Program and obtaining funding for the program through the State of Michigan Public Safety Academy Assistance Programs.

With some of the change over in staffing from the past few years of retirements and resignations, 2026 will bring a combined law enforcement experience of 79 years, most of these years are attributed to 20 years for Chief Muszynski, 22 years for Lt. Schutte and 27 years for Officer McGeary. If we add in the other officers totaling 10 years and our Administrative Clerk's 44 years, it brings the Department total to 123 years of service that we proudly offer to our community.

We continue flourishing and nurturing the Community Policing philosophy and encourage all staff to participate in community events. We continue to work closely with ACT NOW (non-profit organization that works with GTPD to benefit our community) and support their mission and the many annual programs and projects they sponsor.

Gerrish Twp. Police Department 2023 -2026 GOALS & OBJECTIVES Six Target Areas:

COMMUNITY

INTERNAL & EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

STAFFING

TECHNOLOGY

TRAINING

WORK ENVIRONMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

JAN 9
ACT NOW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
10:00 AM @ GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPT.

JAN 24
FOOD TRUCK DISTRIBUTION @ ROSCOMMON
AREA SCHOOLS BUS GARAGE
10:00 AM UNTIL FOOD IS GONE



The Gerrish Township Police Department and ACT NOW are currently working on

their 2026 calendar of events and meetings. The calendar will be finalized next month, but we did want to share a few dates for events that you can mark on your calendars now:

- Annual Bowling Tournament Fundraiser - April 11th
- Spring Road Clean-Up - May 14th
- Annual ACT NOW Meeting & Picnic - July 20th
- Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser - August 8th
- Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run - September 8th
- Fall Road Clean-Up - September 17th
- Annual Trunk or Treat - October 31st
- Annual Shop With A Cop "Wrap Party" - December 21st

This is not an all-inclusive list of events for 2026 but it does highlight some of our annual main events.

For more information about ACT NOW (Advisory Community Team - Neighbors On Watch) check out our website page at www.gerrishpolice.org and click on the ACT NOW tab.



SHOP-WITH-A-COP PROGRAM

December 2025 marked the 24th Annual Shop-With-A-Cop Program and the Gerrish Police Department assisted six local families with gifts for Christmas. To date, we have brightened the holiday season for 184 families, 301 adults and 615 children. The ACT NOW Executive Board and all of us at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped wrap the gifts before the officers delivered them to the families on December 18th. The community response was overwhelming for our wrapping paper drive as we received several donated rolls of Christmas wrap, tissue, boxes, bags and tape. We would also like to thank the individuals and businesses that donated to this program. It would not be possible without all of the generous support of our community! This program not only helps out families in need but also fosters positive interactions with the children and law enforcement as they all enjoyed their individual shopping trips.



WATCH FOR
UPCOMING
INFORMATION
ON A BASIC
CERT TRAINING
CLASS

DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR GERRISH TOWNSHIP CERT TEAM CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF 19 TRAINED MEMBERS WHO ARE READY TO BE DEPLOYED WHEN CALLED UPON? CERT VOLUNTEERS HELP PROVIDE CRITICAL SUPPORT BY GIVING IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS, PROVIDING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION, AND ORGANIZING OTHER VOLUNTEERS AT DISASTER SITES. THEY WORK UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND MAY AT TIMES RESPOND TO REQUESTS FROM OUTSIDE OF OUR LOCAL AREA. THEIR TRAINING IS DESIGNED TO COVER DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, FIRE SAFETY & EXTINGUISHING, PATIENT TRIAGE & ASSESSMENT, PATIENT TREATMENT & HYGIENE, LIGHT SEARCH & RESCUE, TEAM ORGANIZATION, DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY & TERRORISM AND INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM & RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH A RESOLUTION THAT INCLUDES GIVING SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. WE ALL HAVE A ROLE IN HOMETOWN PREPAREDNESS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CERT TEAM, PLEASE CONTACT CHIEF MUSZYNSKI AT THE GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT AT (989) 821-5207 EXT. 286.