



GAPS NEWSLETTER

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



2026 GOLF OUTING

We still have a few openings for teams for our Annual ACT NOW - Gerrish PD Golf Outing which will be held at the Redwood Golf Course on August 8th. Registration fee is \$60 per person and includes four-person scramble with multiple hole games, golf cart, prizes, raffles, hot dogs on the turn and lunch served afterwards. Bottled water and pop will be provided, other beverages are available for purchase at the club house or beverage cart. We are also seeking hole sponsors. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and all proceeds support the many community programs and projects sponsored by ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. PD.

WE ARE SEEKING HOLE SPONSORS FOR OUR GOLF OUTING

- \$500 - GOLD SPONSOR
- \$250 - SILVER SPONSOR
- \$100 - BRONZE SPONSOR

This is a great opportunity for businesses and organizations to advertise OR

Commemorate a special person with a sponsor sign "In Memory" or "In Honor" Your name/logo will be displayed on a sign at a tee box and on flyers in the club house



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Even if you do not golf, you can still participate in our large prize raffle and 50/50 raffle but you do have to be present to win when we draw the tickets for the raffles.

We usually draw winners for the raffles between 2:30 - 3:00 pm on the day of the event. For more information, contact Event

Coordinator Julie Hill at 989-821-5207 Ext. 291.

OUR FALL ROAD CLEAN UP WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 17 AT 4:00 PM. VOLUNTEERS WILL MEET AT THE GERRISH TWP PD AND ALL THE SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED. PIZZA AND POP WILL BE SERVED AFTERWARDS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH OUR ROAD CLEAN UP, PLEASE CONTACT JULIE HILL AT (989) 821-5207 EXT. 291 OR EMAIL JHILL@GERRISHPOLICE.ORG TO BE ADDED TO THE SIGN UP SHEET. THANK YOU!!



53 guests attended our ACT NOW 27th Annual Meeting & Picnic on July 20th that was held at the Gerrish Township Marina Park.



It was a beautiful evening and everyone enjoyed the food that was catered by Blue Line Q and Brew. After eating, the Annual Meeting took place including the elections of the 2026-2027 ACT NOW Executive Board Members:

- Chair - John Ellis
- Co Chair - Mike Briggs
- Secretary - Julie Hill
- Treasurer - Bob Barber
- Membership Chair - Carlos Jean-Francois
- Community Representatives (3): Stanley Baysdell, Patrick Mrosz, Sharon Zacny
- Non-Voting Advisory Community Member: Terri Mrosz
- Appointed PD Representative - Sgt. John Ellis
- Non-Voting Advisory Member - Chief Muszynski

Some highlights from the meeting included updates on our Scrap Metal Project that has raised over \$4,200 during the fiscal year. Thanks to our scrapping coordinators Carlos Jean-Francois and Patrick Mrosz for taking care of sorting and hauling the scrap metal loads.

The fiscal year budget was also reviewed showing revenues of over \$57,000 and expenses on projects and programs being right around the same amount. This past year also included the purchase of a New Scrap Metal Trailer that was the outcome of donations/grants from Roscommon County Community Foundation, Roscommon Rotary Club and ACT NOW's project fund. We look forward to another successful year of community involvement. Watch for upcoming events and projects. We welcome volunteers whether you live here full-time or part-time.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

AUGUST 7
ACT NOW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
10:00 AM @ GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPT.

AUGUST 8
ANNUAL ACT NOW GOLF OUTING
10:00 AM @ REDWOOD GOLF COURSE
9:00 AM REGISTRATION BEGINS

AUGUST 22
FOOD TRUCK DISTRIBUTION @ ROSCOMMON
AREA SCHOOLS BUS GARAGE
10:00 AM UNTIL FOOD IS GONE

Law Enforcement TORCH RUN

Please register now for our annual Law Enforcement Torch Run event. This is a 5K run/walk or bicycle event that raises money for Michigan Special Olympic athletes including those from our own Area 4.

The event will take place on September 15, 2026 and will begin at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and end at the South Higgins Lake State Park pavilion area. There will be bus transportation after the event to bring participants back to their vehicles and hot dogs, chips, and water will also be provided afterwards.

Registration fee is \$30 and includes the Annual LETR shirt, dog registration is \$20 and includes a LETR dog leash. Registration is available at

www.flameofhopemi.org (make sure you select the Gerrish Township Run) or scan the QR code below.

If you don't want to participate in the Run, you can still support the program and make a general donation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM!

COMMAND LEVEL 1 SCHOOL

We would like to congratulate Lt. Jonah Schutte for completing and graduating on June 9th from Command Level One School through the Shield Leadership Institute. This was a five month long training that ran from February through June to support newly promoted command officers as well as those already in those positions. The course covered 80 hours of on-line and in-person sessions and assignments.

The core training topics covered:

Mental Health and Officer Wellness

Generational Differences and Implicit Bias/Diversity

Coaching - Mentoring - Conflict Management

Decision-Making

Legal Updates

Professional Standards

Crucial Conversations

Effective Report Writing Management

Brain Science

The Shield Institute is a public safety focused resource for continuing education to meet the needs of Police Agencies and Corrections Departments. Funding for this training for Lt. Schutte was included in our agency's annual consortium fee through Kirtland Community College. The course is competency based and meets the standards of a National Certification with the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) and for accreditation with the American Council on Education (ACE) allowing officers to gain college credits.

Our previous Lieutenant and present Chief also attended this valuable and informational course.



GERRISH TWP. FLAME OF HOPE

 Tuesday, September 15, 2026

 5:00 PM Check-In

 6:00 PM Start Time

 Registration at Gerrish Twp. PD

 \$30 includes Annual LETR Shirt
\$25 Dog registration - LETR Dog Leash



 Register HERE!

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!



2026 Flame of Hope LETR Run Shirt included with your \$30 Registration Fee