



GAPS NEWSLETTER



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

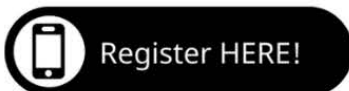
Law Enforcement TORCH RUN

It's not too late to 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. You can also register on the day of event at 5:00 pm during registration and still receive a shirt. The run begins at 6:00 pm.

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 bottled 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.



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2026 GOLF OUTING

Our 17th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser was a success! It was a beautiful day for golf for the 14 teams that participated. We had fewer teams than expected but we found out there were a lot of activities happening throughout the Township and County on the same day. We were still able to raise over \$4,700 to go towards all of the wonderful community programs and projects that are sponsored by ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Department. First place Team Schutte won \$400 and Second Place Team Foster won \$300. The Random Place Team Long (11th) took home \$200.

We would like to thank all the participants, volunteers, sponsors, donors, Redwood Golf Course, The Bird & The Bear Bakery and Road Kill BBQ for making it a great event! We are already booked for our next year's outing so mark your calendars for August 14, 2027.

OUR FALL ROAD CLEAN UP WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPT. 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](mailto:jhill@gerrishpolice.org) TO HAVE YOUR NAME ADDED TO THE SIGN UP SHEET. THANK YOU!!

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

SEPT 4
ACT NOW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
10:00 AM @ GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPT.

SEPT 15
ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN
6:00 PM @ GERRISH PD START
5:00 PM REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN BEGINS

SEPT 16
SPECIAL FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION
10:00 AM @ MARKEY CHURCH - 4736 N FLINT ROAD
FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ONLY

SEPT 17
FALL ROAD CLEAN UP
4:00 PM @ GERRISH POLICE DEPARTMENT (START)

SEPT 26
FOOD TRUCK DISTRIBUTION @ ROSCOMMON
AREA SCHOOLS BUS GARAGE
10:00 AM UNTIL FOOD IS GONE

National Preparedness Month

The official theme for National Preparedness Month in September 2026 is "Americans Stand Ready."

Spearheaded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Ready Campaign, this year's initiative highlights American resourcefulness, civic responsibility, and self-reliance to ensure communities can withstand and recover from major disasters. The 2026 campaign centers around three primary principles of readiness:

- **Upholding Patriotic Duty** - Preparing yourself reduces strain on local emergency services so first responders can focus on those in immediate danger.
- **Protecting Family and Friends** - Creating localized emergency strategies ensures your immediate household and loved ones remain safe.
- **Helping Communities** - Building neighborhood-level cooperation increases overall national resilience during widespread climate or infrastructure crises.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Planning has started for our Annual Trunk or Treat. Our committee met on August 26th for organizing the 18th Annual Gerrish Trunk or Treat which will be hosted by ACT NOW and the Gerrish Police and Fire/EMS Departments on Halloween (Oct. 31). The event will be held on the grassy field behind the Gerrish Township Municipal Building and will run from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Watch for upcoming information so that you can register your vehicles early. Trunk set up will begin at 4:30 pm. Vehicle registration forms will be available online or at the Gerrish Township Main Office, Gerrish Township Police Department or Fire/EMS Department.

There will be prizes awarded in three judged categories of Best Decorated, Most Creative and Scariest entries. We will also have Random Prize drawings for every entry, so you can win something even if you just want to hand out candy and not decorate your trunk.

We plan on 800-1000 guests and recommend having candy for approximately 600-800 kids. We will also have supplemental candy available. Candy donations will always be welcome and can be dropped off at the Gerrish Township Main Office or Gerrish PD/Gerrish Fire Department.

Gerrish Township has a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which is a volunteer-based group of trained members who are ready to be deployed when called upon. After they have made sure family and neighbors are assisted, they can help emergency services respond to specific needs. They also help the community by assisting with preparedness outreach, organizing shelter support, crowd control and evacuations if necessary. If you are interested in joining Gerrish CERT, please contact Sgt. John Ellis who is our CERT Coordinator.



Sgt. Ellis can be contacted at 989-821-5207 Ext. 288 or by email at jellis@gerrishpoice.org. For more information on household readiness, essential steps to stand-by, supply kits and other valuable emergency resources, visit www.ready.gov.
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BUILD A KIT
BE AWARE