Help Prevent CRIME

- ✓ OBSERVE
- ✓ REMEMBER
- ✓ REPORT
- ✓ RECORD

HOME SECURITY BOOKLET

WARNING

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ®

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PROVIDED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY PEOPLE WHO CARE:

GERRISH TWP. POLICE

ACT NOW Advisory Community Team - Neighbors On Watch

GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
3075 E. HIGGINS LAKE DRIVE
ROSCOMMON, MI 48653
(989) 821-5207 ~ FAX (989) 821-7533
WEB SITE **www.gerrishpolice.org**

AND

ADVISORY COMMUNITY TEAM --- NEIGHBORS ON WATCH
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WORKING IN
COOPERATION WITH THE GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPT.

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

For more information on how to join these Gerrish Township Community groups,

Contact...

ACT NOW

Advisory Community Team - Neighbors On Watch

ACT NOW Secretary

Julie Hill

989-821-5207 Ext. 291

Email: jhill@gerrishpolice.org

CERT

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

CERT Coordinator Sgt. John Ellis

989-821-5207 Ext. 288

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OR Gerrish Twp. Police Chief

Eric Muszynski

989-821-5207 Ext. 286

Scan the QR Code to download the Gerrish Police FREE Mobile App. Stay up to date on events and receive important notifications.

NOTES

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES - Dial 911

Non-Emergent Central Dispatch 989-275-0911
Non-Emergent Gerrish Twp. Police 989-821-5207
Non-Emergent Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS 989-821-9813
Non-Emergent Roscommon Co. Sheriff 989-275-5101
Non-Emergent Michigan State Police 989-422-5103
Gerrish Township Hall 989-821-9313
DNR (Roscommon Field Office) 989-275-5151
Roscommon Co. Animal Control/Shelter 989-366-0260
Roscommon Co. Road Commission 989-366-0333
Roscommon Co. Health Dept. 989-366-9166
Roscommon Co. Transportation Authority (Mini Bus) 989-366-5309
Grayling Munson Hospital 989-348-5461
Consumer's Energy (Emergency) 1-800-477-5050
DTE Energy (Emergency) 1-800-477-4747
MISS DIG 1-800-482-7171
Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222
River House Shelter (Grayling) 989-348-3169
Roscommon Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services 989-366-2300
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children 1-800-843-5678

REPORT IDENTITY THEFT:

Social Security Administration 1-800-269-0271
Federal Trade Commission 1-877-438-4338
Experian Credit Agency (Fraud) 1-888-397-3742
Equifax Credit Agency (Fraud) 1-800-525-6285
Transunion Credit Agency (Fraud) 1-800-680-7289

REPORT ALL IDENTITY THEFT TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gerrish Township Police Department

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G.A.P.S. (Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies)

In an effort to continue to improve the delivery of Police services to our citizens and in the form of the true Community Policing philosophy, Gerrish Township was divided into three areas. Each of the areas is of a different size, but the population in each is very close.

The reason for this division was to give our Officers an area that each was responsible for. Over the years and with the retention of Officers, we have changed our philosophy so that any Officer can assist in solving nonemergency problems in each GAP area. The GAPs are also a great way in our records management system to track complaints and calls for service to each of the three areas.

All Officers can assist our citizens in starting up Neighborhood Watch Groups. They are available to assist our citizens in a variety of quality of life issues such as:

Junk and Garbage Ordinance Violations
Junk Vehicle Complaints
Persistent Barking Dogs
Specific Neighbor or Neighborhood Problems
Suspicious Persons or Situations

They will also assist in any other area where the citizen may be experiencing difficulty and would like some help in either problem solving or just to be pointed in the right direction. It is important to remember that the problem does not have to be of a criminal nature for one of our Officers to lend a hand.

It is easy, just call us at 989-821-5207 or stop by during the day during Administrative hours from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you call and we do not answer, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact Information:

Dial 989-821-5207 and when the recording starts just push the extension number that you want and you will be immediately directed to that desk.

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Ext. 286 email: emuszynski@gerrishpolice.org

Lt. Jonah Schutte (#17-2)

Ext. 287 email: jschutte@gerrishpolice.org

Sgt. John Ellis (#17-3)

Ext. 288 email: jellis@gerrishpolice.org

Officer Rodney Most (#17-6)

Ext. 292 email: rmost@gerrishpolice.org

Officer Dallas McGeary (#17-7)

Ext. 289 email: dmcgeary@gerrishpolice.org

Officer Richard Cahoon (#17-8)

Ext. 285 email: rcahoon@gerrishpolice.org

Officer Jeremy Meyer (#17-9)

Ext. 293 email: jmeyer@gerrishpolice.org

Julie Hill (Administrative Clerk)

Ext. 291 email: jhill@gerrishpolice.org

Web Site: www.gerrishpolice.org

Important Personal Phone Numbers:

DOCTORS: _____

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DENTISTS: _____

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SCHOOLS: _____

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WASTE MANAGEMENT/RECYCLING: _____

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NEIGHBORS: _____

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OTHERS: _____

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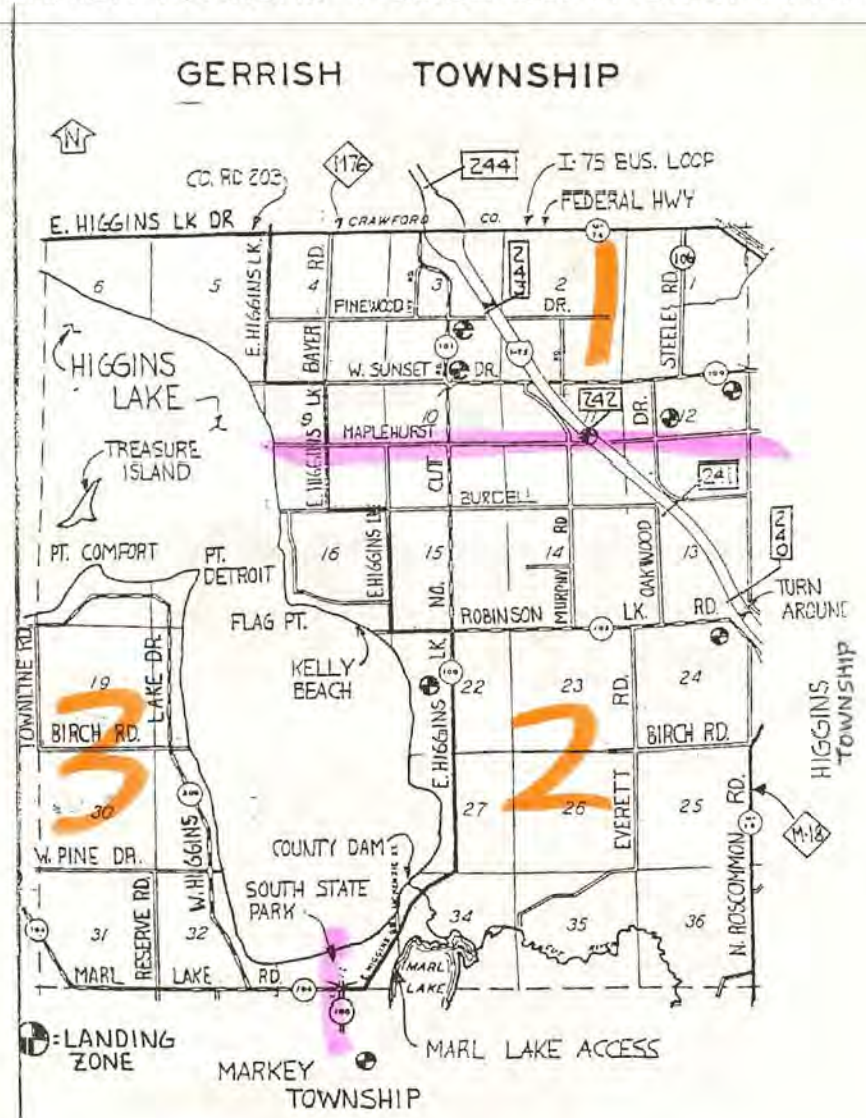
GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. G.A.P. MAP



GAP #1: Maplehurst Road north to the County Line (M-76)

GAP #2: Maplehurst Road south to Sharps Corner

GAP #3: Sharps Corner west to North Townline Road

Call Your Law Enforcement Officers When You Need To Report A Crime:

- **Abused Children**
- **Burglary or Robbery**
- **Rape**
- **Drug Pushers**
- **Shootings**
- **Kidnapping**
- **Arson**
- **Molestation**
- **Shoplifting**
- **Embezzlement**
- **Assault**
- **Domestic Violence**
- **Fraud & Identity Theft**

WHEN REPORTING A CRIME:

1. Speak clearly while describing what happened.
2. Give all details. They are important when reporting.
3. Stay calm. It never helps to get excited.

GIVE AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE CULPRIT:

- **Age**
- **Height & Weight and Hair & Eye Color**
- **Color & Kind of Clothing & Footwear**
- **Voice - Accent, Speech Impediment, Tone**
- **Birthmarks, Scars, Tatoos, Moles, etc.**

On the day you leave...

1. Unplug all electrical appliances such as radios, television sets, irons, washers, fans and computers to prevent possible damage from electrical storms. Make sure all gas appliances are in good working order and that pilot lights are working.
2. Set your thermostat to a reasonable temperature.
3. Close your fireplace flue to prevent birds/animals from entering.
4. Turn down the volume control on telephone answering machine so that it cannot be heard outside.
5. Close and lock all windows and doors. Make sure sliding doors are braced securely and that screens and storm windows are locked or fastened.
6. Leave window coverings open in normal daytime position so that neighbors and police can see inside.
7. Set electrical timers to turn some lights on and off during the evening hours.
8. If you are leaving a vehicle in your driveway, make sure it is locked.
9. Lock your garage doors.
10. Make sure the last person out locks the door. Take a walk around the house. Check all the doors and windows.

A VACANT HOUSE IS AN APPEALING TARGET TO A BURGLAR. WHETHER YOU ARE OUT FOR THE DAY, WEEKEND OR FOR AN EXTENDED VACATION YOU CAN ALLEVIATE WORRIES IF YOU TAKE A FEW SIMPLE STEPS TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOUR HOME WILL BE BURGLARIZED OR VANDALIZED WHILE YOU ARE GONE.

At least one day before you leave...

1. Arrange with a neighbor to pick up and hold your mail and newspapers so that they don't pile up or notify you post office to hold your deliveries.
2. Make arrangements to have grass cut and watered while you are gone or to have your snow removed.
3. If you have valuables in the house, take them to your bank for storage in a safety deposit box. Deposit any extra cash in your bank account.
4. Complete a "House Check" form at the police department or on the P.D. website including your departure and return dates and give a telephone number of a neighbor or relative to notify in case of emergency.
5. Make sure any broken windows, door locks or window locks are repaired.
6. Arrange with a neighbor or relative to watch your house and give them a key. Let them know where and how you can be reached in an emergency. Write their telephone numbers down so you can check with them during your trip. Give them your car description and license number.
7. Move all ladders, tools, lawn implements, garbage cans and yard furniture to your garage, basement or storage shed.

Call Your Law Enforcement Officers When You Need Help For Emergencies:

Traffic Accidents	Troublesome Drunks
Missing Persons	Trapped Persons
Drownings	Unconscious Persons
Suicide Threats	Fallen Electrical Wires

Call Your Law Enforcement Officers When You Are Afraid Or Mistreated By:

Family Members	Animals
Parents	Other Children
Strangers	Gangs
Teachers	Neighbors
Club Initiations	Unknown Objects

Call Your Law Enforcement Officers When Law & Order Needs To Be Restored:

Riots or Public Disorders	Fights or Confrontations
Use of Weapons	Mob Violence
Family Arguments	Troublemakers or Looting

Floods & Disasters

Call Your Law Enforcement Officers When You Need Information About:

How to Protect Your Home & Property
What to do about Threats, Obscene Phone Calls, Etc.
Laws & Regulations for Your Area
Any Questions about Law Enforcement Matters

GOOD SECURITY HABITS

HOUSE NUMBERS:

House numbers should be visible day and night from the street. In rural areas name and house number should be displayed on the mail box. This is important for police and fire/EMS when responding to a complaint or a call. (See house number ordinance)

SHRUBBERY: Is there a clear view of the door? Or is it hidden by shrubs? If so, thin the growth so that would-be burglars are denied the opportunity to work undetected.

RE-KEY LOCKS: This should be done when moving into an apartment or with second ownership of homes.

USE THE LOCKS: An unlocked lock is not a lock!! Habitually locking your home, closing and locking garage doors when away or at night is something to be emphasized with all residents.

HIDING KEYS: An extra key hidden in a "secret" location should always be avoided. A burglar knows all the "hiding spots" and will search out these areas for spare keys.

DETER AND DENY THE OPPORTUNITY OF BECOMING A THEFT VICTIM...REMEMBER CRIME PREVENTION BEGINS AT HOME.

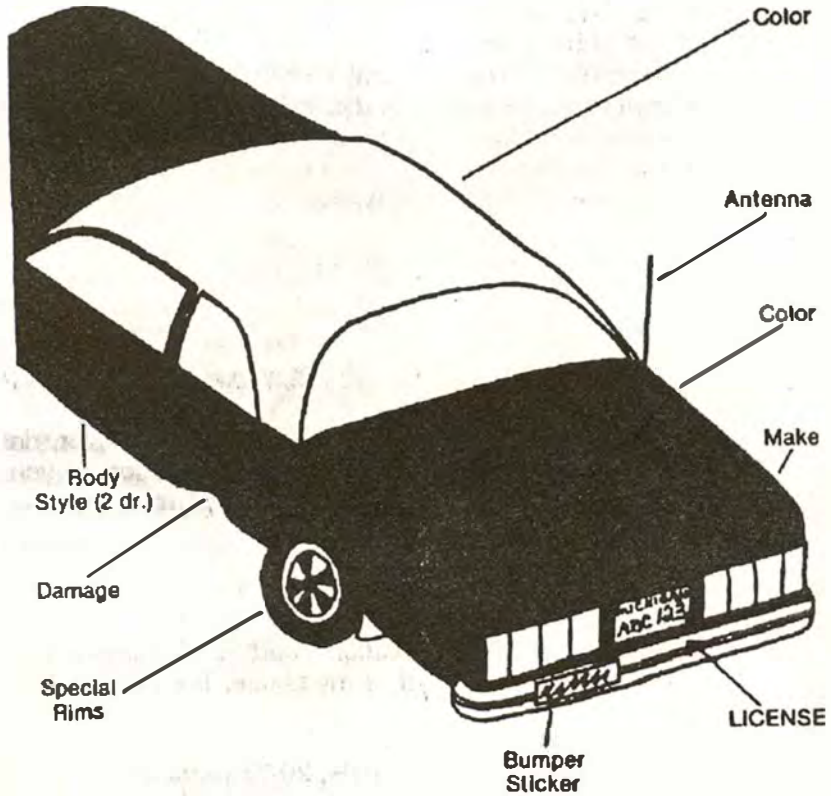
GERRISH TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

Gerrish Township has several local ordinances to keep residents safe and insure the quality of life while respecting individual rights and human dignity.

You can get a copy of any of the Ordinances on-line at the Gerrish Township website at www.gerrishtownship.org under "Services/ Departments" OR www.gerrishpolice.org under "Ordinances"

JUNK & GARBAGE ORDINANCE #16
GERRISH TWP. PARK ORDINANCE #17
GARAGE SALE ORDINANCE #18
NOISE ORDINANCE #19
BURNING ORDINANCE #22
CEMETERY ORDINANCE #25
HOUSE NUMBER DISPLAY ORDINANCE #26
DISORDERLY CONDUCT ORDINANCE #29
IMPOUND VEHICLE ORDINANCE #30
JUNK VEHICLE ORDINANCE #34
RESIDENTIAL CAMPING ORDINANCE #35
FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE #36
COMMUNITY PARK/MARINA ORDINANCE #39
FIREWORKS ORDINANCE #45
COMMERCIAL NOISE & AMPLIFIED SOUND ORD. #46
PROHIBITION OF RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ORD. #47
IPMC - RENTAL PROPERTIES ORDINANCE #49

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION



DESCRIBING A VEHICLE

When describing a vehicle, attempt to supply as much information as possible that would allow the officers to distinguish this vehicle from many others.

Start description from the top of list below:

1) LICENSE NUMBERS-most important.
2) Color(s)-two-tone, three-tone, etc.
3) Body Style-2-door, 4-door, pick up, etc.
4) Make-Chevrolet, Ford, Oldsmobile, Plymouth.
5) Year-(if not known) new or old.
6) Any outstanding features-damage, rust, clean, dirty, CB antenna, etc.

KEEP BURGLARS AWAY

CLEAN UP:

CLEAN UP YOUR YARD AREA. NEVER LEAVE SMALL PORTABLE ITEMS (LAWN CHAIRS, BIKES, ETC.) LAYING AROUND WHERE THEY MAY BE EASILY STOLEN. KEEP THEM IN THE GARAGE OR SHED WITH THE DOOR CLOSED AND LOCKED.

ROUTINE: ALTER YOU DAILY ROUTINE OCCASIONALLY, TO CONFUSE ANY WOULD-BE BURGLAR WHO MAY BE WATCHING YOUR HOUSE.

LIGHTING: TURNING INTERIOR LIGHTS ON WITH A TIMER IS INEXPENSIVE AND IS RECOMMENDED. A RADIO OR TV LEFT PLAYING DURING THE DAY WHEN AWAY WILL ALSO CONFUSE AND DETER A BURGLAR. EXTERNAL LIGHTING IS ALSO IMPORTANT, BUT EXCLUSIVE USE OF OUTSIDE LIGHTING WHEN THE HOME IS UNOCCUPIED MAY ACTUALLY TIP OFF THE BURGLAR. REPORT ANY BROKEN STREET LIGHTS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

ADMITTING STRANGERS: ALWAYS BE CAREFUL ABOUT ADMITTING STRANGERS. IDENTIFICATION OF SALESPERSONS, PUBLIC UTILITIES PERSONNEL, REPAIR PERSONS AND STRANDED STRANGERS SHOULD ALWAYS BE REQUIRED BEFORE OPENING THE DOOR. CHECK TO SEE WHO THE PERSON IS BEFORE OPENING DOOR BY LOOKING THROUGH A WINDOW OR DOOR VIEWER. NEVER PARTIALLY OPEN THE DOOR, EVEN IF A DOOR CHAIN IS ATTACHED.

HELP CATCH A CRIMINAL!

No criminal wants to be CAUGHT. But if you SEE or HEAR someone breaking the law, try to REMEMBER what they look like and quickly REPORT them to the police.

The most valuable aid you can give a police officer about a crime is help in the identification of suspects. This and the facts you observe about the crime itself are the two main points on which an officer bases their investigation. These two items can, in many cases, be far more important than the findings made through scientific investigation at the scene such as fingerprints, foot casts, etc. Many times such evidence is non-existent.

FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS and give to the first police officer on the scene.

VEHICLE LICENSE	MAKE	COLOR

DIRECTION OF ESCAPE	METHOD OF ESCAPE
	☐ Foot ☐ Vehicle

NUMBER OF SUSPECTS	MALE	FEMALE

TYPE OF WEAPON

☐ Hand Gun ☐ Shot Gun ☐ Knife ☐ Other

RACE

SEX

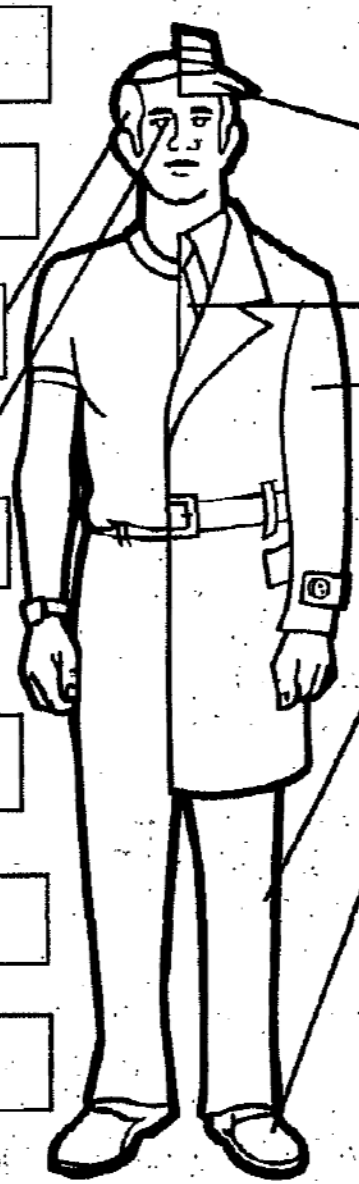
HAIR

EYES

AGE

HEIGHT

WEIGHT



HAT

SHIRT

COAT

TROUSERS

SHOES

SCARS AND MARKS

OTHER REMARKS