

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2015

GERRISH ALTERNATIVE POLICING STRATEGIES "COMMUNITY WITH POLICE...CARING AND SHARING TOGETHER"



SCRAP METAL PROJECT

ACT NOW's Annual "Scrap Metal Project" will start back up on April 15th and will run until October 15th.

As you start your "Spring Clean Up" don't forget to set aside any scrap metal from your yards, garages, basement, etc. and drop them off at the designated location behind the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. in the trailer by the Impound Lot fence which is emptied once a week at the recycling center in Roscommon.

Please DO NOT drop off any propane tanks, refrigerators, microwaves, televisions or computers.

All proceeds from the scrap metal recycling will go towards the many programs and projects that ACT NOW supports annually. So clean up and donate and make a difference in our community!!

SKYWARN Weather Spotter

Training class is being hosted by ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Department on May 18th at the Gerrish Twp. Hall at 6:00 p.m. This class is being offered in cooperation with the Roscommon County Dept. of Emergency Management and will be presented by the National Weather Service Gaylord Office. This is a free 1 1/2 hour class that will include:

- Thunderstorm Ingredients
- Lightning, Flood & Hail Safety
- Supercell & Multi-cell Storms
- How Tornadoes Form
- Cloud Formations
- Online Spotter Networks
- National Warning Criteria
- What and When to Report

SKYWARN was developed in the late 1960's to promote a partnership between the National Weather Service and local communities. For additional information visit the NWS Gaylord webpage at www.weather.gov/gaylord.

CERT TRAILER PROJECT

ACT NOW along with the Gerrish Township Police Department, Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Department and the Roscommon

Rotary are partnering in purchasing an enclosed trailer for the Gerrish Twp. CERT team.

The 8 1/2 x 16 foot enclosed trailer with a ramp door will run just a little over \$6,000. It will be used solely for CERT to take to scenes on call-outs, which would essentially bring every piece of equipment to any location where the team would be utilized and will also be equipped to hold briefings while acting as a shelter and staging area for call-out details and other events.

This mobile unit will act as the Gerrish Twp. CERT teams "Home Base" and allow for proper inventory access and continuity for the volunteer members who are committed to service and take their roles of assisting emergency services very seriously. The project has a targeted completion date of July 1st, 2015 and thanks to the Roscommon Rotary Club's recent \$2,000 grant the trailer project should be completed as planned and on time!

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

APRIL 2nd

1:00 p.m. ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting

@ Gerrish Township Police Department

APRIL 20th

7:00 p.m. ACT NOW Community Meeting

@ Gerrish Township Hall

"Swimmer's Itch Update"

APRIL 2015 IS

"SOCIAL HOST AWARENESS MONTH"

Gerrish Township has proclaimed that

April 2015 is Social Host Awareness Month and is calling upon all parents, citizens, homeowners and property owners to host gatherings responsibly and take measures to eliminate access of alcohol to persons under the age of

21. Alcohol is the drug of choice among America's adolescents and is used by more young people than tobacco or illicit drugs. Underage drinking contributes to a wide range of costly health and social problems, including motor vehicle crashes, suicide, interpersonal violence, unintentional injuries, risky sexual activity, academic problems, alcohol dependence and alcohol poisoning.

Alcohol is a factor in the deaths of approximately 4,700 young people in the U.S. per year and 100 percent of any alcohol consumed by minors comes from adults. It is illegal for adults to knowingly allow their child and child's friends to consume alcohol in their homes and should have the responsibility to take steps to reduce the likelihood that their homes will become venues for underage drinking.



SWEET EASTER FACTS...

Over 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are produced each year and according to 76% of Americans the bunny should be eaten "ears" first.

Americans buy more than 700 million Marshmallow Peeps (yellow chicks being the most popular) making them the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

16 billion jellybeans are consumed each Easter, this is enough jellybeans to circle the globe nearly three times if lined up end to end. Jellybeans did not become an Easter tradition until the 1930's, they were first made in Boston and were sent to soldiers fighting in the Civil War. The most popular flavor jellybean among children today is Cherry.

www.infoplease.com/spot/eastercandy



Welcome Officer Ashley Grosberg

Ashley Grosberg became the newest member of the Gerrish Township Police Department team on March 5th and is currently in her Field Training with FTO Norm LaBonte. She is from Charlevoix, MI and graduated from North Central Michigan College with an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement and completed the Kirtland Regional Police Academy Class #39 on Oct. 31, 2014.

Ashley spent most of her free time growing up working with horses and after her brother became a police officer she became very interested in law enforcement as a career.

Officer Grosberg has received certifications as a Preliminary Breath Test Operator and in CPR/AED for First Responders.

She has a four year-old son and is very excited to be part of the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and the Gerrish Twp. community! Please take a moment and welcome Ashley when you get the opportunity!

