

# G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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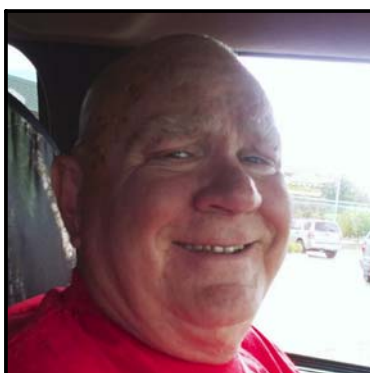
GERRISH ALTERNATIVE POLICING STRATEGIES "COMMUNITY WITH POLICE...CARING AND SHARING TOGETHER"



## ACT NOW DONATION

On March 23rd, ACT NOW Secretary Julie Hill presented a \$1,000 Silver Sponsor check to Kate Gammicchia, Friends For Safe Schools committee member, for "THE BOOT" program. The Boot is a security system that is installed on every door in each school in our area. This security device can be quickly and easily activated from the inside in case of an emergency threat and lock down. Roscommon Area Public Schools have already had the equipment installed in all of their school buildings and have funded half of the project cost. The other half will come from community donations and according to Kate they are only about \$5,000 away from reaching their goal! ACT NOW is making this donation

"In Memory" of Danny Bates who passed away last year. Danny was a long time active member of the ACT NOW Executive Board and the Gerrish Township CERT team. He was also a member of the Roscommon Co. Sheriff Auxiliary and Victim Services Unit. Danny was a member of many civic organizations such as the Grayling Masonic Lodge, AuSable Shrine Club, Order of the Eastern Star and American Legion Post 96. We could not think of a better way to honor and remember Danny who will be missed by many.



## GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE ANNUAL SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Officer Martin recently finished his presentations at the Roscommon Middle School covering topics such as Drug & Alcohol Prevention, Sexual Assault, Bullying and Crime Prevention. This educational series was presented to approximately 160 children in the 5th and 7th grades during September and October 2016 and January and February 2017. The Gerrish Township Police Department partnered with the National Child Safety Council and materials for the presentations were paid for by donations from the following:

Coldwell Banker - Bonnie O'Dell  
Higgins Lake Market  
Jim's Collision  
Tee Pee Restaurant & Motel  
W. Higgins Lake Hardware  
W. Houghton Lake Campground  
Woodland Family Dental  
Thank you to these fine businesses for your continued support of the Gerrish Twp. Police Department's Public Safety and Education Program!



## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### APRIL 7th

10:00 a.m. ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting  
Gerrish Township Police Department

### APRIL 17th

7:00 p.m. ACT NOW Community Meeting  
Gerrish Township Municipal Hall  
"GAP REPORT" by GTPD Officers



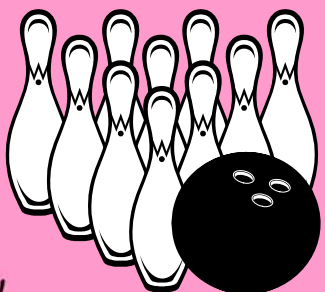
### **BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

ACT NOW will be hosting a Bowling Tournament on Saturday, May 6th at Fred's of Roscommon. The tournament will begin at Noon and will consist of 8 teams of five bowlers (guys and gals mixed).

Come on out and watch, have some food and drink and join in on the 50/50 Raffle and Other Prize Raffles (you do not have to bowl to participate in these Raffles).

All proceeds from the event will benefit ACT NOW community programs and projects. Thanks to our partner Fred's who will be donating all lane fees!!

Watch for upcoming bowling events in 2017!



## Reminders...

- ✿ Detroit Tigers Opening Day Party @ Fred's on April 7th from 11:00 a.m. until game is over. Come out and join the fun and watch the game with friends. ACT NOW will be holding a 50/50 Raffle, Prize Raffles and a chance to win a great Getaway Trip!! Drink specials will be available...let's "Play Ball!"
- ✿ Deadline to turn in ACT NOW Scholarship applications is April 5th. Winners will be announced at the Roscommon High School Senior Awards Night Program on May 1st.
- ✿ May 10th will be the ACT NOW Spring Road Clean-Up. Meet at the Police Department at 4:00 p.m. Pizza and pop will be served afterwards.
- ✿ Law Enforcement TORCH RUN pre-sale tee shirts are still available to purchase for \$10 each at the Police Department. Stop by and pick one up and help support the Gerrish Community Run for MI Special Olympics!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

ACT NOW will be hosting their first community meeting of 2017 on [April 17th at the Gerrish Twp. Municipal Hall at 7:00 p.m.](#) Come on out and meet your Gerrish Police GAP Officers and get updated on the events (both criminal and non-criminal) that have been going on in your neighborhoods over the winter. This is also a great opportunity to mingle with the ACT NOW board members and meet the new volunteers serving on the ACT NOW Executive Board and get updated on the 2017 slate of upcoming meetings and events. There will be plenty of handouts and brochures available and as always refreshments will be served!