

# G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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



## ACT NOW CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER JOHN KLEIN



THANK YOU GINNY & STAN...  
A special "Thank You" goes out to Ginny Trombley and Stanley Baysdell for their service on the ACT NOW Executive Board. They both resigned their positions this year but promise they will still be around to help out with ACT NOW and CERT projects and programs. Ginny has served on the ACT NOW Board for 13 consecutive years and Stan for 12 consecutive years. They were both recognized with presentations of plaques at the Annual Meeting/Picnic for their dedicated service to the ACT NOW Board and our community.

Their service is very much appreciated and the Board will miss them both, however look forward to welcoming new Board Member Carmine Polisei, newly elected GAP #2 Representative. GAP #3 Rep. is vacant and the board will look to appoint someone to that position. In the interim, Stan Baysdell has agreed to stay on and serve as the temporary GAP #3 Rep. until one can be appointed.

Check out our website at [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org) for more photos from the awards presentation portion of the 16th Annual Meeting and Picnic!

## ACT NOW 16th Annual ACT NOW 2014-2015 Meeting & Picnic was held on Executive Board

Monday, July 20th with over 60 people in attendance. As usual, the food was great...thank you to Dave Kelley who grilled the burgers and dogs that went with all the great dishes brought by the attendees!! After the picnic and the Annual ACT NOW business meeting, Chief Hill and ACT NOW Chair Mary Link presented the 2014-2015 Citizen of the Year Award to John Klein. John has served on the ACT NOW board for many years as the GAP #1 Rep. He is always volunteering time for all of ACT NOW and CERT projects and fundraising efforts. Thank you John for your dedication and continued support of ACT NOW and our community!

The following members were elected by the ACT NOW membership at the ACT NOW Annual Meeting and will serve as Officers on the ACT NOW Executive Board for the next fiscal year:

**Mary Link - Chair**

**Al Schultz - Co Chair**

**Julie Hill - Secretary**

**Robert Barber - Treasurer**

**Danny Bates - Membership Chair**

**GAP 1 Rep - John Klein**

**GAP 2 Rep - Carmine Polisei**

**GAP 3 Rep - Stan Baysdell (Temp.)**

**GAP Officer - Sgt. Greg Patchin**

**(GAP Officer is appointed by Chief Hill to serve on the Board)**

**Non-Voting Advisory Members:**

**Chief Brian Hill - Gerrish Twp. PD**

**Sharon Zacny - CERT Coordinator**

Thank you to all the board members for their commitment and service!





## **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

### **AUGUST 6th**

**1:00 p.m. ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting**  
*Gerrish Township Police Dept.*

### **AUGUST 8th**

**10:00 a.m. 6th Annual Golf Outing**  
*Redwood Golf Course (Registration at 9 am)*

### **SEPTEMBER 3rd**

**1:00 p.m. ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting**  
*Gerrish Township Police Dept.*

### **SEPTEMBER 9th**

**4:00 p.m. Fall Road Clean Up**  
*Meet at Gerrish Twp. P.D. (Pizza afterwards)*

### **SEPTEMBER 16th**

**4:00 p.m. Law Enforcement Torch Run**  
*Begins at Roscommon High School*

### **SEPTEMBER 21st**

**7:00 p.m. ACT NOW Community Meeting**  
*"Meth Awareness" Presented by MSP*

Grab your golf clubs, call your friends and come join in the fun for the 5th Annual ACT NOW Golf Outing!! It's not too late to sign up...even if you don't have a team and want to participate we can accommodate you so that you don't miss out on this very important fund raising event sponsored by ACT NOW, the Gerrish Township Police Department and Gerrish Township's CERT Team. This will be an 18-hole four-person golf scramble that will take place on August 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the Redwood Golf Course (registration begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.) There will be hot dogs on the turn, a picnic meal afterwards, prizes, Chinese Raffle and loads of fun. Registration fee is \$50 per person and all the proceeds will go to the local community projects and programs supported by the 3 sponsoring groups.

## **SEPTEMBER ACT NOW COMMUNITY MEETING**

Michigan State Police will be the guest speakers at the September 21, 2015 ACT NOW Community Meeting and they will be presenting a "Methamphetamine Awareness" program for the public. Meth is a growing community problem and the manufacturing and distribution of the drug is hazardous to first responders, residents, neighborhoods and the environment. With an increase in the amount of mobile "labs" and the trash and residues that are left lying around our streets, parks, wooded areas, etc. it is vital that we educate ourselves and our community about the dangers of clandestine meth labs and become familiar with the signs of meth use as the waste is toxic, poisonous and extremely costly to clean up. As we have become a more environmental friendly community and residents have been cleaning up and recycling this is a great program as anyone can come across these portable "labs" and the waste left behind. Please mark your calendar for this very beneficial meeting.

## **ANNUAL TORCH RUN**

Gerrish Township Law Enforcement members invite the community to run with them to raise



funds and awareness for Special Olympics Michigan athletes! This is a 5K run/bike ride that will take place on September 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. (Registration is between 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.) The run will start at the Roscommon High School and finish at Fred's Restaurant. There will be refreshments and transportation back to the school provided afterwards. If you are not a runner or biker and would still like to make a donation, how about sponsoring a runner or a team for this very worthwhile community event! Registration forms are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. and on line at [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org). Lets all run shoulder to shoulder and help "Sustain the Flame" for this wonderful cause!!