

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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



Happy
Valentine's
Day

GRAYSON'S GIFT PROJECT

is one the programs supported by ACT NOW. The purpose of this project is to provide smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors for the hard of hearing and deaf children and senior citizens in Roscommon County. There are 85 children and over 250 seniors that would benefit from this 3-Phase project which has a target completion date of December 2019.

Deaf or hard of hearing residents cannot hear the high-pitched tones of most smoke/fire alarms or CO detectors and therefore require special strobe and bed shaker alarms which are quite costly and are not covered by insurance.

Grayson is the one-year old son of Chris and Kristen Carmany who was born partially deaf. Chris is a firefighter with Gerrish Twp. Fire Department and Kristen is an advocate for the Deaf/Hard of

Hearing community and a Michigan Hands & Voices Board Member.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILDREN'S ASSESSMENT CENTER is another program sponsored annually by ACT NOW.

This is a new service in Roscommon available to Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties. The center provides child forensic interviewing, counseling, victim advocate support and assessment services. Trained professionals work with Law Enforcement and Child Protective Services in caring, supporting and assisting young victims of crime. The center's Mission is "To prevent and educate the public on child abuse and neglect, as well as to reduce the trauma of child abuse and neglect by providing a timely, comprehensive and multidisciplinary response to allegations in a safe, agency neutral, child focused setting."

ACT NOW PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Did you know that ACT NOW supports and/or sponsors over 15 annual community projects, programs or events?

They have come a long way since the group began in 1999 and are not only focused on promoting the preservation and improvements of Gerrish Township neighborhoods but also promote the betterment of our local community through benevolent actions.

Many of these projects and events would not be possible without the support of the Gerrish Township Police Department, the Gerrish Township Board and all of the wonderful citizens that live and/or work in our community!

Some of the programs/events:

- Shop-With-A-Cop
- Scholarship Program
- Golf Outing
- Trunk or Treat & Haunted Trail
- Road Clean Ups
- Scrap Metal Project
- Annual Raffles
- Appreciation Dinner
- Annual Picnic/Block Party
- Gerrish Twp. Public Safety
- Gerrish Twp. C.E.R.T.
- Neighborhood Watch Signage
- Home Energy Assistance
- Kids Helping Kids
- Grayson's Gift Project
- N. MI Children's Assess. Center

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

FEBRUARY 12th

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

@ *Gerrish Township Police Department*

FEBRUARY 13th & 14th

Higgins Lake-Roscommon WinterFest

Various activities and locations around the Lake daily on Friday and Saturday

Winter Weather Preparedness

PART III ~ Caught in a Winter Storm

STAY INSIDE!

- ❖ When using alternate heat from a fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc., use fire safeguards and properly ventilate.

If NO HEAT...

- ❖ Close off unneeded rooms.
- ❖ Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors to avoid heat escaping.
- ❖ Cover windows at night.
- ❖ Eat...food provides the body with energy for producing its own heat.
- ❖ Drink...keep the body replenished with fluids to prevent dehydration.

OUTSIDE

Wear layers of loose-fitting, light-weight, warm clothing and remove layers as needed to avoid overheating, perspiration and subsequent chill.

Trapped air insulates. Outer garments should be water repellent. Wear a hat or hood, half your body heat loss can be from the head. Cover your mouth and

hands to avoid hypothermia.

Avoid overexertion such as heavy snow shoveling, pushing a car or walking in deep snow which can lead to heart attacks.

Gerrish Township CERT 2015 Schedule

MARCH - Pipeline Training and Dinner (Grayling)

MAY - **County Active Violence Incident (AVI) Training

JUNE 20th - Higgins Lake Sunrise Run

JULY 4th - Roscommon Parade & Fireworks

Assist Crawford CERT with their Parade

JULY 25th - Assist Crawford CERT with Grayling

AuSable River Canoe Marathon

SEPT. - Law Enforcement Torch Run

SEPT 12th - RADL Bike Tour

SEPT. 16th - **Training at Gerrish Twp. Hall (4-8 p.m.)

(Stations covering topics from manual)

SEPT. 19th - Michigan Firemen's Memorial Fest. Parade

OCT. - RHS Homecoming Parade & RES Walk-to-School

OCT. 31st - Annual Trunk or Treat & Haunted Trail

NOV. 11th - **Training at Gerrish Twp. Hall (6-9 p.m.)

(Team Building Exercises)

DEC. 5th - Christmas in the Village

**Mandatory Training

Looking for something to do in our area during the long winter months...check out the Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce website at www.hlrcc.com for events taking place locally.

February 13th & 14th - Higgins Lake/Roscommon

WinterFest with activities taking place at various locations including the Crazy Cardboard Classic Sled Run, Chili Cookoff, Broomball, Polar Plunge, Kids's Karnival, Fishing Derby, Snowmobile Radar Run, Bowling, Night Skiing and Snowshoeing. (Badge Admission \$5)

February 15th - Friends of the Library Fourth Annual

Wine Tasting from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the RAM Conference Center (Tickets \$25 at the door/\$20 advance on sale at the Library, Chamber Office and Fifth Street Market). This is a fund-raising event for the Library.

ICE RINK AT GERRISH TWP. MARINA IS NOW OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK, 24 HOURS A DAY AND IS INSIDE.

(LOCATED AT 103 MILL STREET)