

# G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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



CONGRATS

## 2017 ACT NOW SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the ACT NOW Annual Scholarship Program. ACT NOW will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to Roscommon High School Seniors during their Awards Night Program scheduled for May 1, 2017.

Scholarships are awarded based on GPA, need and community service. Applications are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department, the RHS Counseling Office or on-line at our website at [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org).

Application deadline is April 5, 2017 and they will be reviewed at the April 7th ACT NOW Executive Board meeting.

The Scholarship Program was established in 2008 and over the past nine years has awarded cash to 18 graduating students to go towards their college tuitions.

The emphasis of these scholarships are based on the value and importance of community service as seen through the eyes of the youth applicants.

Class of  
**2017**

## CERT CLASS GRADUATION

Congratulations to the five students who recently attended a 20-hour, six week Basic CERT training class and finished with their final written and practical (hands on) tests on January 24th. These volunteer Community Emergency Response team members join the existing Gerrish CERT Team bringing the total number of trained volunteers to 30. During the training classes, they went over the CERT Organization as a whole, Disaster Preparedness, Medical Operations, Fire Safety, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism and Search & Rescue. The Gerrish Township CERT team holds annual meetings, exercises and training under the direct supervision of the Gerrish Twp.

Police Department and are congratulations to the five certified members who can help the community by providing critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims, provide damage assessment info and organize other volunteers at disaster sites. They are called out to assist the local and state emergency services and perform such duties as shelter support, crowd control, evacuations, first aid and search and rescue. The Gerrish CERT team was established in 2006.

CONGRATULATIONS Grace LaBonte, Rachel LaBonte, Cameron Thurston, David Udy and Jim Vasko and thank you for your commitment to Gerrish Township Public Safety Services and to the community!!



## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 3rd

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

### FEBRUARY 14th



### FEBRUARY 15th

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - CERT Initial CPR Class  
*Gerrish Township Police Department*

### FEBRUARY 16th

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - CERT CPR Recert. Class  
*Gerrish Township Police Department*

### DID YOU KNOW...

ACT NOW supports nine community projects and programs through out the year including the Gerrish Twp. CERT Team, Kids Helping Kids Program, Shop-With-A-Cop Program, Scholarship Program, Grayson's Gift Project, Trunk or Treat and the Gerrish Twp. Public Safety Fund just to name a few!

ACT NOW also supports many outside local groups and organizations every year such as the Great Easter Egg Scramble, Special Olympics of Michigan, Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center, Friends of Roscommon Area District Library, Roscommon Bucks Marching Band, Higgins Lake-Roscommon Winterfest and the Higgins Lake Sunrise Run.

ACT NOW holds annual fundraising events such as our Golf Outing in August each year, Bowling Fundraiser in November and a Raffle.

We are excited to announce that we will be adding some new fundraisers to our slate of events for 2017 such as a large CASH Prize Raffle, 3 more bowling fundraisers, and 3 chances to win free trips at each of the following events:

April 7th - Tiger's Opening Day at Fred's

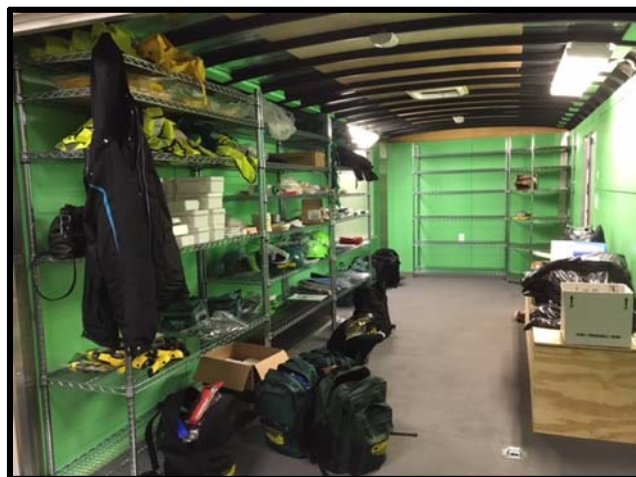
August - Golf Outing

November 25th - Bowling Fundraiser & Community Christmas Party w/Santa

## CERT TRAILER PROJECT WORK BEE 2/2/17

Sgt. Patchin and Officer LaBonte along with four CERT members volunteered to continue the work on the inside of the CERT Trailer on 2/2/17. They hung white boards, moved lighting, secured all shelving units to the floor and walls and mounted brackets to secure the generator.

*Thank you Sharon Zacny, Bob Barber, John Ellis and Mike Briggs for your help! If you would like to assist at the next work bee, just contact Sgt. Patchin at 989-821-5207 Ext. 286.*



## LOCAL CUB SCOUTS VISIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

On January 18th, members from the Roscommon Cub Scout Pack 3944 visited and took a tour of the Gerrish Township Police Department. Officer Austin Martin and Officer Eric Muszynski showed them where the officers work stations are, how evidence is stored, where people are interviewed and how the patrol vehicles work and what they are used for. They finished up their tour with each scout getting their own thumb print. Thank you Officers Martin and Muszynski for taking time out of your patrol schedule to make a positive impact on our community's youth!

