

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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

Happy New Year
2017

15th Annual SHOP WITH A COP PROGRAM

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated and supported the Gerrish Twp. Police Department's 2016 Shop With A Cop Program, which was a great success! We were able to assist 7 families this Christmas and provided gifts for 20 children and 12 adults. All of these families were within our local community and were very appreciative of being selected as a recipient of this wonderful program. The gifts were delivered to the families on Dec. 22nd by Gerrish Officers.

ACT NOW YEARLY PLANNING

The ACT NOW Executive Board is busy planning their 2017 calendar, projects, events and fundraisers and have partnered with Fred's of Roscommon and Blarney Stone Broadcasting of Grayling as a way to target a larger audience and promote our annual community programs and projects. We are looking forward to these partnerships and are working on some new fresh ideas for 2017. Watch for our slate of activities and upcoming meetings in next month's Newsletter and on our website at www.gerrishpolice.org (click on the ACT NOW tab).



"THE BOOT" Project

Help the Roscommon County local law enforcement and fire agencies fund local schools with THE BOOT Security System on all classroom doors. THE BOOT is a lock-down device that is simple and strong and is installed just inside the door of each classroom that can be activated in emergency situations. Each unit costs \$250 for a complete installation. This Adopt-A-Door project is being sponsored by the Roscommon County Community Foundation through the "Friends For Safe Schools" Fund. Consider making a donation and sponsoring this very worthy project and help keep danger out and safety in. Brochures/donation forms are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department, the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office, Roscommon County Community Foundation office or at any of the Roscommon Area Public Schools. ANY DONATION IS APPRECIATED!!



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

JANUARY 5th

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

JANUARY 4th, 11th, 18th & 24th

6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Basic CERT Classes
Gerrish Township Police Department

FEBRUARY 3rd

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

NOTE...ACT NOW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT.

KEEP SAVING THOSE FAMILY FARE GROCERY RECEIPTS... ACT NOW is collecting grocery receipts from Family Fare and participating in the Spartan Nash "Direct Your Dollars" community fundraising project.

For every dollar spent at a Family Fare grocery store or gas station, we get \$1 in eligible Direct Your Dollars points. Once we receive 150,000 points, ACT NOW will receive a \$1,000 donation from Spartan Nash Corp. as part of their community program.

We just started collecting the receipts at the end of last year and have accumulated 6,207 points to date. This is an easy way to raise money as we all shop for groceries frequently. Just save those receipts and drop them off at the Gerrish Township Police Department or at the Gerrish Township Municipal Center and let them know they are for ACT NOW.

Thanks for your Support!!

COMING SOON...

Gerrish Township Police Department will be installing this sign in the parking lot on the South side of their building that can be utilized as a "Safe Zone" for exchanging goods for money that were sold on an internet sight. The zone is under continuous



video recording and will provide a safe area for people conducting on-line purchase transactions with strangers. We are anticipating installation of the sign as soon as weather permits and Roscommon County Road Commission scheduling is coordinated.



DRUG DROP BOX 2016 FALL DISPOSAL...

Gerrish Township Police Department delivered 35.6 pounds of drugs/medications last fall to the Petoskey Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council as part of our Drug Take Back Initiative. 18 different police agencies throughout Northern Michigan have drug drop boxes and participate in this program. At the end of October last year, 224 boxes totaling 2,945 pounds of drugs/medications were taken to Grand Rapids for proper incineration disposal.

Gerrish Township Police Department provides a drug drop box that is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is located just to the left of the front entrance of the police department building. Please read the instructions posted at the drug drop box for specific information on what can and cannot be dropped off. If you have a large amount of medications or containers are too big to fit in the drop box, just ring the door buzzer and these items can be dropped off inside for proper disposal with our Drug Drop Box Officer. Thank you for keeping our community safe and our environment clean by utilizing our Drug Drop Box!!