

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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



6th Annual ACT NOW GOLF OUTING

Do you have your team ready for the 6th Annual Golf Outing event that will be held on August 8th at the Redwood Golf Course? It's not too late to register! The fee is \$50.00 per person and will include 18 holes of golf (4-person scramble), hot dogs at the turn and a picnic meal afterwards. Water and pop will also be provided by ACT NOW, along with chances to win great prizes. There will also be a Chinese Raffle with some big prizes and a chance to win a car with a hole-in-one on the 18th hole curtesy of Don Nester Chevrolet. Pick up your registration forms at the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. or online at our website at www.gerrishpolice.org.

If you would like to support the event by making a donation and being a hole sponsor or donating a door prize, please contact Officer Austin Martin who is the event coordinator at 821-5207 Ext. 292.

Officer Martin's email is amartin@gerrishtownship.org. Remember this is one of our largest annual fund-raisers and all proceeds will benefit ACT NOW projects!

2015 M.A.C.P. POLICE VEHICLE OF THE YEAR

At the 2015 Summer M.A.C.P. Conference during June, Chief Hill entered Gerrish Township Police Department's Patrol Vehicle #2 (2014 Dodge Charger) into the MACP Patrol Vehicle Show and won first place out of over 60 entries. The vehicles are voted on by the Police Chiefs in attendance at the conference. The vehicle will be on the cover of the next Michigan Association of Chief's of Police magazine and the department received a \$500 cash prize! Thank you to Sgt. Patchin and Officer LaBonte for their efforts in detailing the vehicle for the show and Congratulations to Chief Hill and G.T.P.D. for this awesome honor and recognition!!

While attending the professional development conference in June, Chief Hill also won a Motorola APX 6000 portable radio package valued at over \$4500. Every chief who entered a vehicle into the show received a door prize and the radio package was the top prize!

2015 Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run

Thank you to the ACT NOW members and the 20 CERT volunteers who assisted with the Sunrise Run on June 20th. The event was again a huge success and ran very smoothly thanks to the coordinated efforts by all groups involved. This year there were over 450 registered runners in the three different courses including a one mile Fun Run/Walk.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

JULY 20th

6:00 p.m. ACT NOW Annual Meeting & Picnic

At the Gerrish Twp. Outdoor Pavilion Area

AUGUST 6th

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

At the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

AUGUST 8th

10:00 a.m. 6th Annual Golf Outing Event

Redwood Golf Course (Registration 9:00 a.m.)

SEPTEMBER 9th - Road Clean Up 4:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 16th

4:00 p.m. - Law Enforcement Torch Run

Begins at Roscommon High School

Mark your calendars for July 20th for the ACT NOW ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC which will begin at 6:00 p.m. As in the past, the location will be at the Gerrish Twp. Hall Outdoor Pavilion area and we are requesting that you bring a vegetable, salad or dessert dish to pass, your own table service and lawn chairs. ACT NOW will be providing the meat, potato salad and beverages. This is the annual meeting where ACT NOW membership will be electing the 2015-2016 Executive Board members. There will be vacancies for the GAP #2 Rep. and the GAP #3 Rep. so if you are interested in nominating someone for one of these positions, or in running for one yourself, please contact either Chief Brian Hill at 821-5207 Ext. 287 or CERT Coordinator Sharon Zacny at 275-8858. Community Award presentations will also take place, so please join us!!



ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

This year's 5K Run/Bike Ride will take place on Sept. 16th at 4:00 p.m. The event will start at the Roscommon High School and end at Fred's Restaurant, registration from 3-4:00 p.m. Transportation & refreshments will be provided after the run.

If you would like to participate you can obtain a registration form from the Gerrish Twp. Police Department or on line at www.gerrishpolice.org. The fee is \$25 per person and will include a dri-fit tee shirt. 50% of the proceeds will go directly to our local Special Olympics. You can also make a donation by purchasing one of the blue dri-fit sponsor tee shirts (shown above) for \$10. There are a quantity of these shirts available for sale, contact any Gerrish Police Officer or stop in at the Department.

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Michigan will also be hosting a FIRE TRUCK PULL on Saturday, July 18th at Home Depot in Houghton Lake starting at 10:00 a.m. Gerrish Township Public Safety Departments will be participating with a 10-person team, so if you are in the area that day stop by and cheer them on!

Mark your calendars for the Fall Road Clean Up on September 9, 2015 begins at 4:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Police Department. After the clean up, pizza and pop will be served to all volunteers. ACT NOW is responsible for the annual road side clean up of County Road 100 from the top of Pioneer Hill south to Hillsdale Drive. Give a hand and help keep our beautiful community looking clean.