

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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



NEW PATROL VEHICLE

At the end of June, the Gerrish Township Police Department retired their oldest patrol unit in their fleet, a 2013 Ford Sedan and replaced it with a new 2016 Ford SUV AWD Police Interceptor (Unit #3). This is an Explorer model modified for police use with a heavy duty suspension, police brakes and has and 3.5L V6 Ecoboost engine.

The police department has a standard every other year replacement schedule for their vehicles. This newest vehicle joins the fleet with the existing 2013 Ford SUV AWD (Unit #1) and a 2014 Dodge Charger (Unit #2).

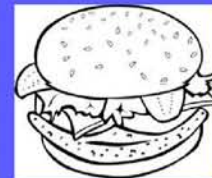
All units are purchased under a state bid contract in order to purchase new vehicles at the best possible prices. The units are then converted using what ever equipment is possible from the vehicle that it is replacing, i.e. light bars, radar units, radios, etc. All three units display the custom outer graphics which are highly visible with the electric blue paint color of the vehicles.

Just a little fun fact in case you didn't know...All Gerrish Police Department patrol units are equipped with blue lights only, which is a bit different than most departments that use the traditional blue and red lighting.

17th Annual ACT-NOW Meeting & BLOCK PARTY
Mark your calendars for July 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Twp. Hall (Outdoor Pavilion Area) for the ACT NOW Annual Meeting & Picnic/Block Party.

The 2016-2017 Election of Officers will take place at the meeting. If you are interested in becoming an ACT NOW Executive Board Member or would like to nominate someone, you can contact the Nominating Committee members Chief Brian Hill at 821-5207 Ext. 287 or CERT Coordinator Sharon Zacny at 275-8858.

Following the meeting will be the Community Awards Presentation.



Burgers, hot dogs, potato salad and beverages will be provided by ACT-NOW. Please bring a dish to pass, your own lawn chairs and table service.



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

JULY 4th

Happy Independence Day!!

JULY 7th

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

@ Gerrish Township Police Department

JULY 18th

6:00 p.m. ACT NOW ANNUAL MEETING &
BLOCK PARTY @ Gerrish Twp. Hall (Outdoor
Pavilion Area)



Pull out your running shoes or bikes and join the Gerrish Township Police Officers in the 2016 Annual TORCH RUN for Special Olympics Michigan.

This is a 5K run/bike ride that will take place on September 14th. It will start at the Gerrish Township

Municipal Center and finish at the South Higgins Lake State Park with refreshments and transportation back to the starting location. For several

years Gerrish Twp. P.D. has sponsored a community run for the state-wide event that raises money for the athletes that compete each year in Special Olympics. The entry fee is \$25 per person and includes a dri-fit shirt. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Registration forms are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department, at the PD website at www.gerrishpolice.org or online at

www.firstgiving.com/miletr/Gerrish. For more info, please contact event coordinator Officer Shannon Fick at 821-5207 Ext 289 or sfick@gerrishtownship.org.

7th ANNUAL ACT NOW Golf Outing is scheduled for August 13th and will take place at Redwood Golf Course. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a Shot Gun Start at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$50 per person and the fee includes a four-person scramble, golf cart, prizes, hot dogs on the turn, and a picnic dinner afterwards. Pop and water will also be provided all day for the golfers and workers. Registration Forms are available at the Gerrish Police Department, Redwood Golf Course or online at www.gerrishpolice.org. For more information on this event or if you would like to sponsor a hole or donate a prize, please contact Event Coordinator Officer Austin Martin at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 292 or email him at amartin@gerrishtownship.org. This event is ACT NOW's largest annual fundraiser and 100% of the proceeds will go back to the community through projects and programs sponsored by ACT NOW, the Gerrish Township Police Department and the Gerrish C.E.R.T. team.

If you do not want to run or bike in this year's TORCH RUN, you can still make a cash donation or purchase a t-shirt for only \$10.



Special Olympics Michigan is also selling two different raffle tickets with drawing dates of September 23, 2016 and you do not need to be present to win. There is a Wine/Brewery Tour Raffle and a Camping Package Raffle...tickets are only \$5 each. The Tour Raffle has two different Traverse City Wine Tours and one Grand Rapids Brewers Tour. The Camping Package includes Eagles Nest Outfitters hammock, kayak and family camping gear.

You can purchase t-shirts or raffle tickets from any Gerrish Police Officer or stop by the department and pick them up. **THANK YOU** for supporting our Torch Run and Special Olympics Michigan!!

