

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015

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



ACT NOW and GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPARTMENT will be hosting their 7th Annual Trunk or Treat & Haunted Trail on Halloween (Oct. 31st) behind the Gerrish Twp. Hall and the Police Department.

Trunk or Treat will run from 6-7:30 p.m. with vehicle participation line up beginning at 4:15 p.m. behind the Township Hall. Pre-Registration forms are available at the hall or at the P.D. There will be prizes awarded in three categories, so get that trunk decorated and come and pass out candy to the children for this fun filled event!

Best Decorated Trunk Prize - Fitbit
Most Creative Trunk Prize - 32" Flat Screen TV

Scariest Trunk Prize - Android Tablet

Random Participation Drawing - \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Card

There will also be warm cider, donuts and warming stations.

The Halloween Trail will run from 6-7:00 p.m. behind the Police Department and will be more for small children and families. The scarier Haunted Walk will run from 7-8:00 p.m.

If you are interested in decorating a section of the trail, please complete a Pre-Registration form which are also available at the hall or the P.D. Both registration forms and the event flyer are available on the PD website at www.gerrishpolice.org under the G.T.P.D. - Dept. Events - Trunk or Treat & Haunted Trail tabs.



If you do not want to decorate a trunk or part of the trail but would still like to participate in this great community event, candy or monetary donations are always appreciated and can be dropped off at the Gerrish Twp. Hall or the Gerrish Twp. Police Department.

"PROJECT AWARENESS NIGHT"

Mark your calendars for the next ACT NOW Community Meeting which will be held on October 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Twp. Hall. This presentation will be given by Chief Brian Hill and will highlight all of the annual community programs and projects that ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Department sponsor. Besides the larger projects such as Shop With A Cop, Gerrish CERT and Trunk or Treat & Haunted Trail, we also support the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center, Grayson's Gift Project, Kids Helping Kids Program, Scholarship Program, Public Safety and Home Energy Assistance. We also support other local community groups and organizations such as Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce Great Easter Egg Scramble and Winterfest, Special Olympics Michigan Law Enforcement Torch Run, Friends of Roscommon Area District Library, Camp Westminster, the Roscommon Riverfest and Higgins Lake Sunrise Run. This Project Awareness Night is a great opportunity to learn who exactly benefits from these programs and why we feel that they are so important to our community. We also do annual road clean-ups, a scrap metal project and host informative public awareness community meetings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

OCTOBER 19th

7:00 p.m. ACT NOW Community Meeting

"Project Awareness Night"

Gerrish Township Hall

OCTOBER 31st

6-7:30 p.m. TRUNK OR TREAT

6-7:00 p.m. HALLOWEEN TRAIL

7-8:00 P.M. HAUNTED WALK

Gerrish Township Hall and Gerrish P.D.

NOVEMBER 5th

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

Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

THANK YOU PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS OF THE 2015 LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN WHICH RAISED \$3,000 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN!! THERE WERE 79 PARTICIPANTS IN THE 5K RUN INCLUDING GROUPS FROM THE HOUGHTON LAKE AND ROSCOMMON CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS, ROSCOMMON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND THE LEAR CORPORATION. A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT PARTICIPATED FROM THE GERRISH TOWNSHIP P.D., ROSCOMMON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT., MICHIGAN STATE POLICE, RICHFIELD DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE CADETS FROM THE KIRTLAND REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY. THANK YOU ALSO TO FRED'S OF ROSCOMMON FOR PROVIDING HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND WATER AFTERWARDS AND TO THE ROSCOMMON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION. WE WERE ONE OF MORE THAN TWO DOZEN COMMUNITY RUNS THROUGHOUT THE STATE DURING L.E.T.R. WEEK AND HALF OF THE FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ROSCOMMON AREA SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES.

NEW GERRISH TOWNSHIP C.E.R.T. TRAILER

Chief Hill and the Gerrish Twp. Police Department partnered with Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Department, and community sponsors ACT NOW and Roscommon Rotary Club and purchased a new 20' x 8.5' enclosed trailer for the Gerrish Twp. CERT team use. This trailer will be equipped with CERT gear and supplies and will be utilized as a mobile unit for use when the CERT team is called out for any detail. The CERT team has received equipment through the State of Michigan 7th Region such as a generator, scene lighting, radio equipment, traffic safety lighting/cones, flashlights and GPS hand held units just to name a few. The team has also applied for a grant with the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division for dry erase boards, folding table, extension cords and power stations, triage tarps and first aid supplies to further equip the trailer. The Gerrish Twp. CERT team currently has 26 trained volunteer members that put in a total of 771.25 hours of training/meetings in 2014 and 316.75 hours in call out details in 2014.

Representatives from the "CERT Trailer Project" are pictured below with the trailer. They are from left to right, Fire/EMS Chief Jim Lippert, Police Chief Brian Hill, CERT Member Bob Barber, CERT Member John Klein, CERT Coordinator Sharon Zacny, ACT NOW Chair Mary Link and Roscommon Rotary Club President Wally Chwan. If you are interested in joining the CERT team, contact Chief Brian Hill at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 287 or Sharon Zacny at (989) 275-8858.

