

# G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

"Community with Police...Caring and Sharing Together"

OCTOBER 2017

## 2017 TORCH RUN

Thank you to all of the participants in the Law Enforcement Torch Run that took place on Sept. 13th. The Gerrish event started at the Township Municipal Complex and ended at the South Higgins Lake State Park Boat Basin/Pavilion area. 67 runners/walkers/bikers helped raise over \$1700 for Michigan Special Olympics! Thank you to Officer Shannon Fick who coordinated this event and to the Gerrish CERT team for assisting with traffic/roadway safety. This was the 8th year that Gerrish Police have participated in the state-wide Law Enforcement Torch Run and it is a great opportunity for the community to show their support!

## "Stingrays" For Sale

2017 Shop-With-A-Cop Stuffed Animal Fundraiser

ACT NOW raised \$900 for the 2017 Shop-With-A-Cop Program from the sale of this year's SWAC Stuffed Animal...Stingrays!! Volunteers from ACT NOW and the Gerrish P.D. sold the animals during the Annual Firemen's Memorial Festival on 9/16/17.

There are still some left to buy, they are available in three different colors and three different sizes. If you would like to purchase a Stingray, stop by the Gerrish Police Department and help support Shop-With-A-Cop!



### STINGRAY PRICES:

Medium	\$5.00
Large	\$8.00
X- Large	\$15.00

Available in Blue, Pink & Purple.

Sorry, all sold out of the small size.



## 9th Annual Trunk or Treat

Come join Gerrish Township and participate in the 9th

Annual Trunk or Treat scheduled for Halloween night

(10/31/17). Vehicle registration forms are available at the

Gerrish Township Police Dept. and the Gerrish Twp. Hall

and also on the PD website at [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org).

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Scariest Trunk

Best Decorated Trunk

Most Creative Trunk

There will also be two \$50 Wal Mart gift cards given out during the Random Participation Drawing.

Candy donations are also welcome and can be dropped off at the Gerrish Twp. Hall or the Police Department.

Event starts at 6:00 p.m. with Vehicle line up beginning at 4:15 p.m. Thank you to Officer Eric Muszynski and Twp.

Treasurer Leasa Tulgetske for co-chairing this awesome community event!!



## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### **OCTOBER 6th**

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

### **OCTOBER 31st**

6:00 p.m. TRUNK OR TREAT  
4:45 p.m. Vehicle Line Up (Registration)  
@ Gerrish Township Municipal Center

**NEW LOOK**  
**HOPE YOU ENJOY**  
**THE UPDATED**  
**VERSION OF THE**  
**GAPS NEWSLETTER!**

## **CRIME MAPPING/STATISTICS**

Gerrish Township Police Department is introducing a new program that is now available at the P.D. website. It is a crime mapping system and will track the crimes in Gerrish Township by location.

The following statistical categories will be available and visible to the public:

- Animal Control Incidents
- Arrests
- Arsons
- Assaults
- Assists to Other Agencies
- Auto Theft
- Burglary
- Disturbing the Peace
- Drugs/Alcohol
- DUI (Driving Under the Influence)
- Fraud
- Miscellaneous
- Murder
- Sex Crimes
- Storm Damage
- Theft/Larceny
- Traffic Accidents
- Vandalism
- Warrants
- Weapons Incidents

This information will be input by Chief Hill and supported through Crimedar. Click on the **CRIME MAPPING** tab on the Gerrish Township Police website and check it out.

[www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org)

## **October & November...**

Are dangerous months for deer/vehicle crashes with over 1,200 injuries per year. Here are some safety tips to help avoid dangerous encounters with deer (or other wildlife):

- Stay awake, alert and sober
- Always wear a safety belt
- Be especially alert at dawn and dusk
- Reduce your speed when traveling through deer populated areas
- If you see one deer, slow down as others are likely nearby
- If a crash is unavoidable, **DO NOT SWERVE**
- Brake firmly, hold on to steering wheel with both hands, stay in your lane, bring your vehicle to a controlled stop and steer your vehicle well off the roadway.
- Call 911 to report incident or if you need medical assistance
- **YOU MUST REPORT ALL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS** (even with deer or wildlife) IF:
  - *There are injuries involved*
  - *Damage to your vehicle is over \$1,000*
  - *There is damage to someone else's property (i.e. mailbox, fence, etc. not matter the amount of damage)*

It's not too late to get your **ACT NOW Cash Raffle** tickets...\$10.00 each, only 600 will be sold. Drawing will take place on Nov. 20, 2017 and you **DO NOT** need to be present to win. Tickets are available at the Gerrish Police Department or from any ACT NOW Board Member.

1st Prize \$1,000  
2nd Prize \$ 500  
3rd Prize \$ 250  
4th Prize \$ 250

**CASH**  
**RAFFLE**