

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

NOVEMBER 2017

9th Annual TRUNK OR TREAT

Thank you to all the participants and volunteers that made this year's Trunk or Treat a HUGE SUCCESS! We had 44 trunks and over 1,000 people attend. Prizes were awarded to the following participants:

SCARIEST TRUNK - Scott Perkins

BEST DECORATED TRUNK - Stephanie Marshall

MOST CREATIVE TRUNK - Noelle Martin

RANDOM PARTICIPATION DRAWINGS (2) - Ramanda Burch & Cindy Beaudoin.

A big thank you to Officer Eric Muszynski and Treasurer Leasa Tulgetske for co-chairing this event, to the Gerrish CERT team volunteers for traffic/parking lot control and to the Gerrish Twp. Fire and Police Departments who make sure everyone stays safe at the event. Thank you to our judges Bill Cleaves, Scott McCarthy and Q100.3 DJ "JoMama's" Joy Ride!

Thank you also to ACT NOW for sponsoring the event as one of their annual community programs and to all of the community members who donated candy. We are looking forward to next year's "10th" Annual Trunk or Treat!!



Thank You Veterans...

VETERAN'S DAY - NOVEMBER 11th

We would like to take this time to honor and say thank you to all of the Veteran's who have served our country and to those who continue to serve and protect us. Do you know of a senior Vet who would like to visit their memorials in Washington D.C.? Check out the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight program and complete an application for them. Flights take place in the spring and fall each year and are completely



free of charge to the Vet. Check out their website at midmichianhonorflight.org or call them at (231) 803-4255.



Bowling Fundraiser for RHS Scholarship Fund

ACT NOW will be holding a FAMILY BOWLING Fund-Raising Event on November 25, 2017 at Fred's of Roscommon. Kids are welcome and the fee is \$20 per person and includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, 2 slices of pizza and a soft drink! Bowling will start at Noon.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to visit with the kids and get photos. Q100.3 radio will be broadcasting live from the event from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

There will be a large prize valued at over \$1,000 auctioned off and a large 50/50 drawing. You do not have to bowl to participate in the auction or 50/50 raffle.

U of M vs. Ohio State game will be on the screens beginning at noon, wear your Maize & Blue (or Red) and cheer on your team!

This is meant to be a fun-filled family event with a lot of different activities going on, but will focus on raising money for the ACT NOW Roscommon High School Scholarship Fund. ACT NOW awards two \$1,000 scholarships to RHS Seniors every spring, 2018 will be their 10th year presenting these awards. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ACT NOW SCHOLARSHIP FUND, so come on out and have a great day with your family and friends and support the scholarship program at the same time!

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

NOVEMBER 3rd

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

NOVEMBER 20th

5:30 p.m. ACT NOW Donor Appreciation Dinner
@ Fred's Restaurant - Roscommon

NOVEMBER 25th

Noon ACT NOW Bowling Fundraiser

@ Fred's - Roscommon for Scholarship Fund



NOVEMBER 19th is the World Day of Remembrance for victims and families of road traffic crashes. With the holiday season approaching please be responsible when driving. In 2016, there were 312,172 traffic accidents in Michigan with 1,064 of those causing fatal injuries. Out of those there were 770 reported traffic accidents in Roscommon County with 5 fatalities and 154 injuries. Compared to 2015, the percentage rate of fatal accidents involving alcohol have decreased by 7%, however those involving drugs have increased by 34%. Cell Phone involved fatalities have increased by 200% and Distracted Driving fatalities have increased by 54%. In 2016, there were 12,788 Distracted Driving accidents and 1,912 Cell Phone involved crashes.

Please remember if you need to use your cell phone or text, pull over to a safe area clearly off the traveled portion of the roadway or into a parking lot before using a cell phone or doing anything that takes your eyes off the road. It only takes a second to look away from the road for an accident to occur.

Shop-With-A-Cop

Planning is underway for the 2017 Shop With A Cop Program. Applications are out at the area schools and after they are turned in, Chief Hill along with a couple of the ACT NOW Exec. Board members will go through them to see if they meet the SWAC criteria. ACT NOW will sponsor 7 families and provide gifts for them at Christmas. This would involve one child from each family to go shopping with the officers and then ACT NOW members will gather to wrap the gifts and get them ready for delivery. The SWAC "Wrap Party" will be on Monday, Dec. 18th at 5:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Police Department. If you would like to make a cash donation or donate any wrapping paper, we will gladly accept those at the police department.

Drug Drop Box

The Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. turned in 65.2 pounds of drugs since April 19, 2017 to the Petoskey Tip of the Mitt



Watershed Council for proper disposal. They participate with other police agencies in Northern Michigan as part of the Drug Take Back Initiative and provide a secure and anonymous drug drop box for people to dispose of their unwanted/unused and expired medications properly. The drop box is located just to the left of the front entrance of the police department building.

UPCOMING CERT ACTIVITIES:

November 8th - Policy & Procedure Review & Bag Check - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Gerrish Twp. Hall

December 2nd - Christmas in the Village Traffic Control (2 shifts 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. & 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

