



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

JUNE 2024



NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

JUNE is National Safety Month

June is recognized every year as National Safety Month, mostly for the workplace, however, it is also the perfect motivation to suggest some proactive safety measures in the home.

Parents and others with children or those with aging parents, might be interested in creating a Home Safety Plan. Consider some of these main points when creating a safety plan for home:

- **FIRE SAFETY** - This is a critical point in safety, starting with preventative measures such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and an evacuation plan in case of a fire including identifying two meeting places in case of an emergency.
- **EMERGENCY KIT** - Keeping everyone safe in an emergency is important whether the emergency is the result of a natural disaster such as a tornado, flood or wildfire or the outcome of human acts. Be sure that your emergency kit includes supplies such as flashlights with batteries, fresh drinking water, shelf stable foods, first aid kit, extra medications, cell phone chargers and pet foods.
- **GET SMARTPHONE ALERTS** - Today it is easier than ever to be notified in cases of emergency in your local area. Code Red, the National Weather Service and the Gerrish PD Mobile App are all great ways to receive alerts and notifications in real time.
- **PREPARE KIDS AND ELDERS** - Education and knowledge is the best way to help everyone keep their cool and know what to do in an emergency. Practice your safety plan frequently, make sure important phone numbers are memorized and that everyone knows what to do whether they are at home or away.

For a copy of our Home Security Checklist and Home Security Booklet, visit our website at:

<https://www.gerrishpolice.org/safety-tips/home-security-tips/>

14TH ANNUAL 2024

HIGGINS LAKE SUNRISE RUN

Come on out June 15th and support the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center as they host their annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run fundraiser.

There are four different runs to choose from:

1/2 Marathon starts at 7:30 am at the North Higgins Lake State Park and ends at the South Higgins Lake State Park. The entry fee is \$60.00. 10K Run & 5K Run both start at 8:30 am inside the South State Park and finish inside the South State Park. Entry fee for these runs is \$40.00.

The 1-Mile Fun Run is all within the South State Park and the entry fee is \$10.00.

Registration is available at NMCAC4KIDS.ORG and all proceeds from this event support the Center and the services they provide to victims of child abuse and/or neglect and their families.

The Gerrish Twp. Police Department, Fire/EMS Department and CERT team have provided their assistance and services to this event since it began 14 years ago. Please help us keep the participants safe and use caution if you are out driving near the parks, the run routes will be marked and CERT volunteers and emergency vehicles will be present from approximately 7:30 am - 11:00 am.

If you are interested in joining the Gerrish Township CERT team, please contact us at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291. We will provide a 20-Hour Basic Training class once we have enough people interested to join the team! We currently have 19 volunteer members and are ready to welcome more.

ASK ME
How to Join the
**COMMUNITY
EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM**



UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

JUNE 14th

ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting
10:00 am @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

JUNE 15th

Higgins Lake Sunrise Run:
7:30 am 1/2 Marathon @ N. Higgins Lake State Park
8:30 am 5K & 10K Runs @ S. Higgins Lake State Park
9:30 am Kids Fun Run @ S. Higgins Lake State Park

JUNE 22nd

Food Truck Distribution @ Roscommon Area Schools
Bus Garage (10:00 am until food is gone)

Come out and join in our "25th Anniversary" celebration of ACT NOW on JULY 15th...



ACT NOW 25th Annual Meeting & PICNIC

JULY 15, 2024 - 6:00 PM
at the Gerrish Twp. Marina

- Public Welcome
- Bring Your Own Lawn Chair
- Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Potato Salad, Beans, Dessert & Beverages will be Provided
- Plates, Napkins & Plasticware Provided
- 2024-2025 Election of Officers

NO POT-LUCK...
All Food Items will be Provided
Bottled Water & Soda Provided
Some Picnic Tables Available



For further information please contact Julie Hill at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or email jhill@gerrishpolice.org

Save the Date: ACT NOW Annual Golf Outing August 10, 2024

Register Early!
Room for 18 Teams
4-Person Scramble
18 Holes w/Cart

Watch for more information to come.

Redwood Golf Course
10 am Shotgun Start
9 am Registration



Don't miss our 15th Annual Golf Event!

ORV Laws & County Ordinance

Summer is here, time to remind everyone about the Roscommon County ORV Ordinance and ORV laws. Here are the highlights:

- ORVs can operate on the far right side of a roadway except on state or federal highways such as M-18, M-55, US 127 & I-75.
- Speed no more than 25 mph or a lower posted speed.
- With the flow of traffic single file.
- Must possess a valid driver's license or a Michigan issued ORV safety certificate (ages 12-16).
- Child less than 16 years of age and possesses a valid ORV safety certificate must be under the direct visual supervision of an adult at all times.
- Must wear helmets and protective eye wear unless the vehicle is equipped with a roof that meets or exceeds standards for a crash helmet (adults only).
- If vehicle is equipped all passengers and operator will wear properly adjusted and fitted safety belts.

Gerrish Officers will be stopping violators of any of the above items and citations may be issued. For a complete copy of the Roscommon County ORV Ordinance No. 4 and Map, visit

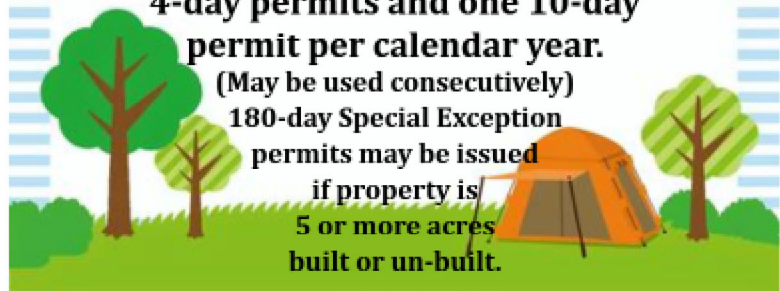
<https://www.gerrishpolice.org/laws/recreational-vehicle-law-tips/> GOLF CARTS are considered ORVs

Residential Camping Permits
are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Permit Fees are \$2.00 Each
Each residence may have up to three 4-day permits and one 10-day permit per calendar year.

(May be used consecutively)

180-day Special Exception permits may be issued

if property is 5 or more acres built or un-built.



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