

# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

JULY 2024

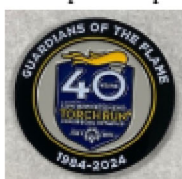


## Lake Saver Day 2024

On May 30th, Sgt. John Wybraniec joined the Roscommon Middle School 4th graders as they attended the annual Lake Saver Day presented by the Higgins Lake Foundation. This program has presentation stations by many volunteers in the community who create fun interactive activities that promote an interest in lake stewardship, the outdoors and water safety. The highlight of the day is the hot dog cookout on the beach at the R.A. MacMullan Center. Sgt. Wybraniec, who is also the RAPS School Resource Officer shared information about the Gerrish Township Rescue Unit 241 that is used by both the Police and Fire/EMS Departments for rescues in the woods or on terrain where a regular vehicle would not be able to traverse. In the winter, the tires on the Polaris Ranger are changed out to tracks so that there is better traction on the snow and ice.



2024 Law Enforcement Torch Run Shirts and Challenge Coins are still available to purchase at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department. Shirts are \$20 each and Coins are \$10 each. Help us keep our "Sapphire Level" sponsorship and purchase these "40 Year" Anniversary Commemorative items today!



## Fireworks Safety & Ordinance

Using Fireworks responsibly isn't just about avoiding personal injuries it is also about preventing fires that can devastate homes and wildlife. You can get a complete copy of the Gerrish Township Fireworks Ordinance on the PD or Township website.

Consumer fireworks are permitted this year June 29 - July 5 until 11:45 pm on each of those days. They may not be used on public property, streets or roads, on school or church property or on the property of another person. Display or commercial fireworks may be permitted through an application process.

United States Consumer Product Safety Commission

## Fireworks Injuries & Deaths

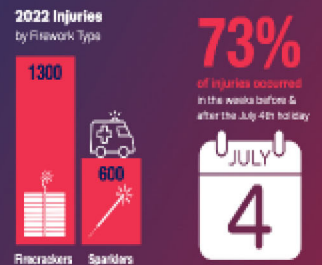
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#CelebrateSafely

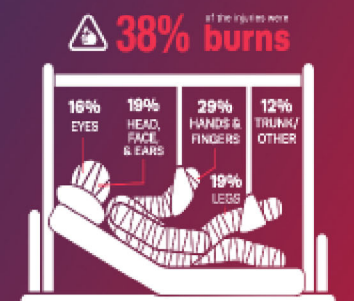
### Safety Tips

- ★ Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- ★ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips: [cpsc.gov/fireworks](https://www.cpsc.gov/fireworks)

### How & When Injuries Occurred



### Most Injured Body Parts



### Injuries & Deaths



Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 2022 Fireworks Annual Report

NSN CPSC.gov

## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:



### JULY 12th

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

### JULY 15th

ACT NOW Annual Meeting & Picnic  
"25th" Anniversary Celebration  
6:00 pm @ Gerrish Township Marina Park

### JULY 27th

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

## LifeVac Donation

In May, the Roscommon County Sheriff's Auxiliary donated four LifeVac units to the Gerrish Twp. Police Department, one for each of their patrol units.

These units are choking rescue devices that remove trapped food or other objects blocking an airway by using suction. They are easily used by anyone, and you could even use the device on yourself if needed. They also work well with people in wheelchairs or those that are unable to stand.

LifeVac was developed and created by a facility in Springfield Gardens, NY after Arthur Lih, founder and CEO of LifeVac heard a woman in a hospital weeping following the death of her young son. The reason for his death was that a grape had become lodged in his windpipe and abdominal thrusts (Heimlich Maneuver) were unsuccessful.

LifeVac was patented in 2012 and brought to the public market in August of 2014. As of October 2023, the company has tracked over 1,400 lives saved by utilizing the LifeVac device, and over 900 of those were children.

The Roscommon County Sheriff's Auxiliary has also donated LifeVac devices to all of the schools in Roscommon County. Thank you Sheriff's Auxiliary for your generous donation!



# 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](mailto:jhill@gerrishpolice.org)

## 15th Annual Golf Outing

Come out and join us for our Annual ACT NOW/Gerrish PD Golf Outing on August 10th at the Redwood Golf Course. This is a 4-person scramble outing that includes green fees, golf cart, prizes, Prize Raffle, 50/50 Raffle and lunch served afterwards. Bottled water and pop are included, other beverages can be purchased at the Redwood Golf Course Club House or beverage cart. Fee is \$60.00 per person (\$240.00 per team). Looking for 18 teams to participate. We are also offering sponsor opportunities and each sponsor will receive their name and logo on a sign at hole tee boxes. GOLD Sponsor is \$500, SILVER Sponsor is \$250 and BRONZE Sponsor is \$100. If you would like to make a prize or gift donation for our Prize Raffle, please contact us and we can make arrangements to pick up your item. Registration forms are available on our website at [www.gerrishpolice.org](http://www.gerrishpolice.org) under the News & Events tab - Annual Golf Outing or you can scan the QR code below for the direct link.

Forms are also available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department. For more information please contact Event Coordinator Julie Hill at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or email [jhill@gerrishpolice.org](mailto:jhill@gerrishpolice.org). All proceeds support programs and projects sponsored by ACT NOW & GTPD.

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