



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

FEBRUARY 2025

February is American Heart Month



HEART HAPPINESS

**February is the month to make your heart happy...
both physically and emotionally!**

This is American Heart Month which is celebrated in February to raise awareness about heart health and encourage people to take action to prevent heart disease. Heart disease is a leading cause of death in the United States and kills one in three women.

You can take better care of your heart by:

Eating Healthy

Be Active

Manage Weight

Get Regular Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Checks

Educate Others

For more information on heart health visit the American Heart Association at www.heart.org.

Did you know that the oldest known Valentine was written from prison in London in 1415? Today, over 145 million Valentine cards are given. Valentine's Day is the busiest day of the year for florists and the most popular movie to watch on Valentine's Day is "Titanic."

Cadbury was the first to package chocolates in heart shaped boxes and today over 26 million of these heart shaped boxes of chocolates are sold.

Alexander Graham Bell applied for his telephone patent on February 14, 1876 and in current times 63% of people ages 18-44 will send Valentine Day texts to their loved ones.

No matter how you share the love this Valentine's Day, make sure you reach out and make someone's heart happy!

ACT NOW 2025 Calendar

April 1st - Scholarship Applications are Due

April 12th - Annual Bowling Tournament Fundraiser at Fred's of Roscommon at Noon (Registration begins at 11:30 am)

April 15th - Scrap Metal Project Starts

May 14th - Spring Road Clean-Up at 4:00 pm (Meet at the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.)

June 14th - Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run

July 21st - "26th" Annual Meeting & Picnic (6:00 pm at the Gerrish Twp. Marina)

August 9th - Annual ACT NOW Golf Outing at Redwood Golf Course at 10:00 am (Registration begins at 9:00 am)

September 9th - Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run at 6:00 pm (Starts at the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. -- Ends at the South Higgins Lake State Park)

September 17th - Fall Road Clean-Up at 4:00 pm (Meet at the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.)

October 15th - Scrap Metal Project Ends

October 31st - Annual Trunk or Treat at the Gerrish Township Municipal Complex (6:30 - 8:00 pm -- Vehicle Set Up 4:30 pm)

December 15th - Shop With A Cop "Wrap Party" 5:00 pm at the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Watch for these and other events on the Gerrish Police Facebook page and on their website and mobile app.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:



FEBRUARY 14th

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

FEBRUARY 14th, 15th & 16th

WinterFest 2025 @ Lyon Twp. Fire/EMS Hall & Park 27

FEBRUARY 22nd

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

Introducing Officer Rodney Most

On January 23rd, Rodney Most was officially hired as a new Gerrish Township Road Patrol Officer. He is filling a vacancy from when Sgt. John Wybraniec retired at the end of 2024.

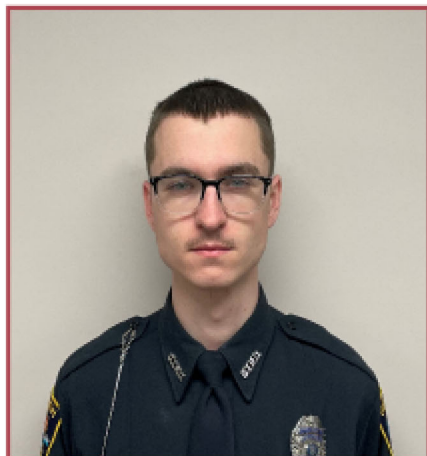
Officer Most was born and raised in central Michigan and attended Mid Michigan College where he received an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice in March of 2024. He attended the Kirtland Regional Police Academy and graduated in their 59th Class in December of 2024.

Rodney is an avid outdoorsman with a love for nature and in his free time enjoys hunting, fishing and trapping.

Officer Most will begin his Field Training in February and will have multiple training officers to complete a 150 task program that includes observation, training, evaluation and practical testing.

The Field Training Program usually lasts about 14 weeks before the new officer is released for solo patrol.

We would like to welcome Officer Rodney Most to the Gerrish PD team!

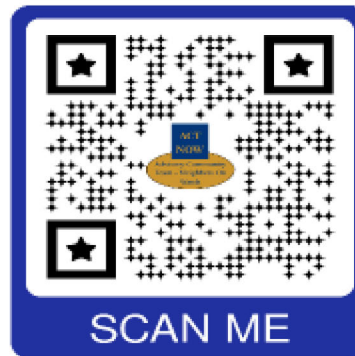


ACT NOW Scholarships

Every year ACT NOW along with the Gerrish Twp. Police Officers award two \$1,000 Scholarships to graduating Roscommon High School seniors. Scholarships are based on GPA, community service and need.

Applications are now available and the deadline date for submission is April 1, 2025.

To get an application or for more information scan the QR code below. You can also contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291.



GERRISH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE SELLING THEIR 2016 PATROL VEHICLE DUE TO REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE AND A NEW 2025 PATROL VEHICLE WILL BE PUT IN SERVICE THIS MONTH. WATCH FOR BID NOTIFICATION IF INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THIS VEHICLE.

IT IS A 2016 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD (POLICE VERSION OF THE FORD EXPLORER). THE ENGINE WAS REPLACED IN 2020 AND THE TRANSMISSION WAS REPLACED IN 2022. ENGINE ACTUAL MILES 76,540 AND TRANSMISSION ACTUAL MILES 44,314.

For more information contact Gerrish Police Dept.

**ANNUAL ACT NOW Bowling Tournament Fundraiser...
04-12-25
@ Fred's of Roscommon**



Watch for more information to come in next month's Newsletter, on our Facebook page and website.

SAVE THE DATE!

ACT NOW ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER



**APRIL 12, 2025
FRED'S OF ROSCOMMON
NOON - REGISTRATION 11:30 AM**