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Gerrish Township Police Monthly Report 10-01-15 through 10-31-15

The Gerrish Township Police Department responded to a total of 93 calls for service for the month of October 2015.

The Department reports 5 various custodial arrest statistics this month. (See attached reports for breakdown).

The Department reports 10 citations listing 7 traffic violations, 2 misdemeanor violations, 2 Felony and 3 verbal warnings for the month. (See attached for breakdown).

Training:

A total of 1.55 credit hours of training on our Learn.com are reported for this month. (See attached detail document).

Chief Hill highlighted activity for the month reported as follows:

- 1) I attended the ACT-NOW Executive Board meeting in my advisory role.
- 2) I attended the regular scheduled Gerrish Township Board work session.
- 3) I reviewed Employment applications for further testing consideration for the open Police Officer position.
- 4) I attended the RAPS AVI final debrief meeting from the RAPS full scale exercise on 9-2-15 this year.
- 5) I met with a citizen regarding a FOIA review request of a document per the citizen request and to comply with the FOIA statute.
- 6) I attended the monthly NMCAC team review at the NMCAC in Roscommon.
- 7) I attended the Roscommon County Law Enforcement Administrators meeting and lunch at Fred's Restaurant in Roscommon.
- 8) I attended two planning meetings for the Trunk or Treat 2015 event in preparation for same.
- 9) I hosted and chaired a safety meeting regarding the 2015 Trunk or Treat event to discuss traffic flow and traffic assignments for the safety of the event.
- 10) I attended the monthly Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) Legislative meeting in my board member capacity. I attended via telephone conference to discuss postures on new legislation that affects Law Enforcement and our community.
- 11) I attended the monthly ACT-NOW Community Meeting and presented a PowerPoint program describing ACT-NOW's projects that they support throughout the year.

12) I attended the Local Emergency Planning Team (LEPT) meeting to request approval of a 2015 Grant application to the Region 7 Homeland Security Board for equipment for the new CERT trailer. The grant is similar to the 2014 I submitted two months ago. Therefore, I have approximately \$2000.00 in equipment request grants out waiting for approval for the CERT trailer equipment.

13) I attended and hosted a Kids Helping Kids at Christmas meeting to facilitate a December 12, 2015 event to benefit Foster Kids and their families in Roscommon County.

14) I attended an area Investigators task force meeting in West Branch Michigan to discuss the current large rash of Storage unit break ins in our Township and many other Northern Michigan Counties.

15) I organized and attended the Oral board panel to interview candidates for hire for the new Police Officer position here in Gerrish Township.

16) I volunteered and participated in the set up, operational time and clean-up of the 2015 Trunk or Treat and Haunted Trail hosted by the Police Department and ACT-NOW. Despite the miserable weather, we believe that we served approximately 800 kids at the event.

Additional Information:

The 7th Annual Trunk or Treat event was held on 10-31-15 in miserable rainy conditions without incident. The event was very well supported by Community Partners to include the Police, Fire/EMS, CERT, ACT-NOW, and the Gerrish Township Board. Without these partnerships and cooperation, these types of events would never happen. On behalf of the Police Department, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all who participated, volunteered or supported this event. A special thanks to the Co-Chairs Officer Eric Muszynski and Gerrish Township Treasurer Leasa Tulgetske. The Hohman family of Roscommon won for the best decorated section of the trail and won the \$300.00 cash prize for same. A special thanks to Julie Hill, Kevin and Kristi Gilliam for the great advertising window in town.

In other news;

This month has also been very busy with the investigation of many storage unit break-ins and an additional unrelated residential break in progress. I am happy to report that we have executed 4 search warrants in the Rose City area and have recovered 56 pieces of stolen property from various thefts throughout Northern Michigan. We believe the ring is responsible for break ins in approximately 8-10 Counties from Alpena to Isabella County and most in between. I commend our Officers for their diligence. Although we have identified 6 players, only three are incarcerated at this time. The rest and probably more will have to be linked forensically. Investigation continues actively and will for some time.

On a separate incident, two residential break ins occurred consecutively on Murphy Road in the Township and an active alarm alerted our Officers to one of the residences where Officers located the break ins. Through investigative work, they identified a suspect vehicle and also recovered the stolen property that night as well as arresting two Grayling residents for the Home Invasions.

Officers of our Department will be picking up the applications seeking assistance from the Shop with a Cop program from the Roscommon Elementary School just prior to Thanksgiving 2015.

After a vetting process, shopping for the 2015 Shop with a Cop program will begin the first week of December with our Officers taking the oldest child shopping for the family and providing dinner with the Officers the same night.

As a note, the October drug take back initiative and regular collection of the drop off location netted 59.6 pounds for destruction. OFFICER transported the product to the Petoskey Department of Public Safety where it was taken to incineration in Grand Rapids pursuant to our grant with the Northern Michigan Tip of the Mitt watershed Council. Thank you to all who use the box and keep the product from finding its way into our community or ground water.

On **DECEMBER 21, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.** SHOP-WITH-A-COP “WRAP PARTY” at the Police Department. Pizza and pop will be served afterwards.

Anyone wishing to help with the package wrapping or deliveries please contact us here at the Police Department. For further postings about our Community activities and dates, please view our GAPS Newsletter posted on www.gerrishpolice.org.

Please watch our website carefully to stay informed about upcoming events and Township News releases. Our site is www.gerrishpolice.org.

I want to thank my Officers and Community for their dedication to the Police Department mission and our Township Board for the support of those missions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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