



Gerrish Township Police Department

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Gerrish Township Police Monthly Report 03-01-13 through 03-31-13

The Gerrish Township Police Department responded to a total of 113 calls for service for the month March 2013.

The Department reports 4 various misdemeanor custodial arrest statistics and 1 felony statistic this month. (See attached reports for breakdown).

The Department reports 74 total citations listing 82 traffic violations, 2 misdemeanor cited violations and 45 verbal warnings for the month. (See attached for breakdown).

Training:

No training hours are reported this month.

Chief Hill highlighted activity for the reported month as follows:

- 1) I met with the Township Attorney regarding the Amending of the Impound Ordinance.
- 2) I met with STING regarding a few narcotics issues in the Township.
- 3) I met with the RCRC manager and traffic foremen regarding finalization of the No Parking ordinance codification on 22 roads in the Township.
- 4) I over saw installation of the surveillance cameras and digital equipment in the Police Department.
- 5) I attended the Gerrish Township board monthly work session.
- 6) I attended the ACT NOW Executive Board meeting in my advisory role.
- 7) I participated in the OMNI for Law Enforcement Webinar with the Michigan Department of Corrections which is a new system that is available to Law Enforcement to get access to all MDOC data on offenders.
- 8) I chaired a 911 Technical Board meeting in my Chairperson role.
- 9) I attended a meeting with the Verizon representative, Fire Chief and Asst Fire Chief in an attempt to secure better service to the Township and possibly more reliable telephone equipment.
- 10) I attended the Gerrish Township Annual Meeting and the Gerrish Township regular Board meeting.
- 11) I attended a Probate Court Truancy meeting called by the Court and Prosecutor's office to discuss the process of the roll out of the new Truancy Court regarding procedure and case file handling. The new procedures have been conveyed to our Officers as a result of the meeting.
- 12) I attended two Critical Incident Management meetings this month with all Law Enforcement Administrators and the County Emergency Manager.

- 13) I attended the Roscommon Area District Library proposed Bike tour meeting. I was invited by the organizers as they are trying to organize a bike ride tour around Higgins Lake as a fundraiser for the library debt retirement.
- 14) I met with Colonel Etue of the MSP and her Executive staff in my MACP President role regarding several issues of common interest. Most importantly were the resource allocation of all Departments and the correlation of same for a more seamless Law Enforcement in Michigan.
- 15) I arranged a visit with our new IT Company Kodiak for a complete cleaning of all PC's, the server and the server room which has not been done for some time.
- 16) I attended the Roscommon County Community Correction Board in my board member capacity for the purposes of going over the Jail community grant program.
- 17) I chaired and attended 1 CERT Training planning session to organize the script for the next quarterly training for CERT.
- 18) I participated in a teleconference with our labor attorney with Clerk Valentino.
- 19) I was invited as the MACP President to participate in the Governor's CLEAR (Combine Law Enforcement Advisory and Reinvention) Committee for the purposes of defining key upcoming State Law Enforcement legislation and issues to the committee for coordination.
- 20) I met with Officer Kelley and Clerk Valentino to go over some HR processes.

Other Department notes for update;

- 1) **TCO (Traffic Control Orders) updates-** 22 No parking TCO's have been signed off on by the County and State of Michigan. Same have been filed with the County Clerk as well. Under this topic, I have been given a complete inventory of the signs in place and we have many signs that need to be replaced in the future due to the new sign reflectivity laws that changed. I would recommend that we discuss making a plan of changing a certain amount of signs over each year for a few years to become compliant with the change.
- 2) **Digital Conversion-**The digital update has been completed by PCI, Inc. I have submitted the final grant paperwork for the \$5000.00 reimbursement which will replenish my Capital Project line.
- 3) **Off duty/Back up firearms-**The firearms have arrived (unexpectedly) and all Officers have received classroom training on the operation of the firearms. We will shoot with them at our spring qualification.
- 4) **Hitchcock Ave-** As of this writing, I have not been notified of a signed consent agreement on the property in question that is adjacent to the road end.
- 5) **Police/Firefighter crossover agreement-**The final Memorandum of Understanding document has been drafted with better language and based on earned pay model. Signatures of the Township Fire and Police Liaisons will be needed.
- 6) **RAPS request for School Zone-** I have clarified the question asked at the last meeting and all laws relating to the firearms concern and gun free school zone relates to the physical location of the buildings themselves not a constructed "traffic zone".
- 7) **Amendment to the Impound Ordinance #30-** I have received Attorney Hess's draft of the proposed amendment. You will recall that many months ago, I advised the board of the need to

address our Impound and storage fees as they relate to our Impound lot. The fee schedule has not been adjusted since the Impound lot was created around 1997. We have become very low priced at \$25.00 Impound fee and \$5.00 a day. All other storage lots are charging \$25.00 for storage of towed vehicles and it has caused a perception by business that our fees create an issue. Therefore, I am requesting the adoption of the amendment and the approval of the provided resolution to raise our price accordingly. I am recommending \$ 40.00 for Impound Fee and at least \$10.00 per day storage. The attached resolution allows us to address the item in the future without amendment to the ordinance each time.

In other Community business;

Fiscally, I wanted to advise that as our 2012-2013 budget closed on 3-31-13. I can happily report that I exceeded my expectations regarding fund balance.

As a reminder, the April meeting of ACT-NOW is scheduled for April 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. This month will be a Community meeting followed by a GAP report. No scheduled feature speaker this month.

ACT-NOW and the Police Department have agreed once again to partner on the "Scrap Metal Project". You may drop off items of scrap and ACT-NOW will dispose of same and the use of the funds will be for Community projects to include scholarships at the local High School, Shop with a Cop, winter heating assistance for the elderly etc.

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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