



GERRISH TOWNSHIP

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STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP MESSAGE MARCH 14, 2017

Welcome to the 136th. Gerrish Township Annual Meeting of the Electors

Supervisor's Office

Since taking office in November of 2016, my focus has been to become familiar with the operation of Gerrish Township and other Roscommon County Boards and Agencies. In addition to serving as Gerrish Township Supervisor, I have assumed the position of Marina Manager at our township park. I am also on the board of the Roscommon County Transportation Authority. In January I was a member of the latest class to complete the Basic CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training.

Gerrish Fire Department/EMS has a mixed staff totaling 31

11 are Firefighter II certified

12 are Firefighter/Paramedic Certified

7 are Firefighter/EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) certified

1 is EMT certified

- There are (13) On-Call, (10) Part Time, (5) are both On-Call and Part Time, and (3) Full Time members.
- The department has responded to 548 request for assistance in 2016
- 80% medical / 20% fire related, an increase of 55 calls in 2015, and 72 calls in 2014.
- The Gerrish Fire Department is also involved in several community events.
 - Fire Prevention for 6 different schools
 - Hosted the Firefighter II County Academy at our station
 - Trunk or Treat
 - EMS (Emergency Medical Service) stand-by at Roscommon High
 - School football games
 - Sunrise run

Medical first aid classes for the South State Park Staff
Teach CPR classes for local groups

Gerrish Police Department

The department recorded the following training hours; 623 contact hours and 41 credit hours. During the year, the department embraces on-line training in the form of credit hour classes.

The department responded to 1589 Calls for service

- 107 Township Ordinance Complaints investigated
- 53 Firefighter Crossover duties to assist the GTFD
- 241 Ambulance assists to the GTEMS
- 1091 other various criminal and non-criminal calls for service

Officers from our department participated in a task force of investigators from neighboring departments responding to the Breaking and Entering of nearly 50 residential dwellings. Warrants are currently being sought for three subjects. These subjects are also responsible for the boat/motor thefts on the west side of Houghton Lake.

The Gerrish Township Police department

- Purchased 2016 Ford SUV AWD Police Interceptor in July
- Re-floored the PD and seal coated the parking lot
- Collected 71.4 pounds of drugs (Drug Drop Box) for proper disposal
- Deputized all officers to solidify mutual aid availability with county
- Partnered with "Friends of Safe Schools" implementing the "Boot Program"
- Held a spring and winter CERT Basic Training Class adding 13 new CERT members
- Continued work on CERT Trailer Project

All officers participated in programs and projects sponsored by ACT-NOW (Advisory Community Team-Neighbors On Watch) including

- Higgins Lake Sunrise Run (traffic control and runner safety)
- Awarded two Roscommon High School seniors with ACT-NOW scholarships
- Annual ACT-NOW Raffle
- Annual golf outing in August
- Relay for Life County Sponsor
- Law Enforcement Torch Run for Michigan Special Olympics

- Halloween Trunk or Treat
- Annual Shop-With-a-Cop in December
- Annual Kids Helping Kids Christmas Program

Township Highlights

- The general election in November 2016 saw a record 72.42% township turnout. We will receive new election equipment later this year
- Repairs and upgrades to township park facilities
- A record turnout for the Trunk-or Treat for Halloween
- Gerrish Township was the recipient of 2 grants in 2016. We received a grant from the Rotary Club of Roscommon in the amount of \$40,000 for the purchase of new playground equipment. Gerrish Township was awarded a Risk Reduction Grant from the Michigan Township Par Plan in the amount of \$4,599.00 for the purchase safety surfacing (engineered wood fiber) for the new play structures. We had an overwhelming amount of community support with the site preparation and the building of the playground equipment.

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