



Gerrish Township Police Department

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Gerrish Township Police Monthly Report 10-01-21 through 10-31-21

The Gerrish Township Police Department responded to a total of 117 calls for service for October 2021.

The Department reports 4 custodial arrest statistics this month. (See attached reports for breakdown).

The Department reports 9 citations listing 9 traffic violations, 2 Misdemeanor violations, 1 Felony violation and 3 verbal warnings. (See attached for breakdown).

Training:

A total of 87 hours of training are reported for October 2021. (See attached detail document).

Chief Hill highlighted activity for the month reported as follows:

- 1) I attended the Gerrish Township Board work session and supplied my usual update report to the board and public.
- 2) I attended the regular Gerrish Township Board meeting as required.
- 3) I hosted and facilitated the Kids Helping Kids at Christmas Foster Kids Christmas meeting this month to coordinate the Annual December event.
- 4) I chaired the 911 Technical Board meeting at Room 101 in the County Building in my Chair-person capacity to discuss policy and procedure issues deployed by the 911 Center.
- 5) The Department CPR/AED Instructor Julie Hill instructed a CPR/AED/ First Aid class to the local Builders Association.
- 6) I hosted two Trunk or Treat 2021 event planning meetings to prepare for this year's Covid-19 continued altered event. The event was held on the RAPS campus as a drive through event. I took part in the operation and clean-up of the 2021 Trunk or Treat hosted by the Police Department, Gerrish Township Fire/EMS and ACT-NOW. The weather was somewhat cooperative but windy. Overall, we had 272 vehicles drive through and over 630 bags of candy were handed out. We had 22 trunks participate.
- 7) The Department participated in the Drug Take Back and turned in 64.6 pounds for incineration.
- 8) I hosted and attended the ACT-NOW Executive Board meeting at the Police Department.
- 9) I attended the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Legislative meeting via conference call and reported out to the committee on my assigned bills that I analyzed for the group.

- 10) I also attended the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Executive board meeting via conference call as a Past President and invited attendee.
- 11) I attended the Northern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police meeting in Mackinaw City where the topic of discussion was centered on recruiting deficits as being extremely critical in the State.
- 12) This month, I was re-elected to serve on the Executive Board as chair of the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center for a term ending in 2023. The board meets monthly to manage the business aspects of the organization and I attended the board meeting as required.
- 13) I met with the Executive Director of the NMCAC to continue the work on updating their policy manual to include future wage and benefit schedule for construction.
- 14) I attended two zoom meetings of the Roscommon County Law Enforcement Administrators to discuss areas of concern for our County.
- 15) This month, I conducted a 2021-2022 mid-year budget review to make sure that we are in budget and on target for the earlier budget assumption to predicate this budget. I am happy to report that we are indeed on target.
- 16) 2021 Shop with A Cop Applications were distributed to area schools as we work towards another season of giving and sharing goodwill in our community.
- 17) I met with Township Attorney Hess with Clerk Patchin and Building/Zoning Administrator Jansen to discuss open civil legal enforcement issues for the Township.
- 18) I met with NMCAC Executive Director, Chief Sharrow of RTPD and a representative of the DTPD to discuss new access to an Officer at the NMCAC to help with follow up investigations to help their departments in the future.
- 19) I hosted one Staff meeting this month to discuss open case files/review hiring announcement and discussion of Field Training Officer changes for a new hire.
- 20) The Department held our Annual Fall Department qualification shoot at the KCC Range as required. This is done 2 times a year.
- 21) All members of the Department also attended a national course called Below 100. The training focuses on getting law enforcement deaths down to below 100 by looking at four areas of control. Below 100 examines speed (high speed pursuits), seatbelt usage, bullet proof vest wearing and fighting complacency.
- 22) The Department and Gerrish Township CERT helped with the Covid-19 monthly Food Distribution at the Roscommon Area Public Schools bus garage.
- 23) The Department helped with traffic control for a Human Trafficking Awareness walk this month.
- 24) I took part in another meeting with our user group to discuss the offerings of a possible settlement regarding the failed launch and satisfaction of the Motorola offering. Once again, the user group declined the offerings.
- 25) The Department was notified by the Department of Justice that our BVP grant to supply 50% funding for proper bullet proof vests to Officers was approved. This will keep us on the proper product liability replacement schedule every 5 years.
- 26) I await the results of our grant writing efforts regarding 7 body cameras. The funding from the Federal Government is possibly for \$2000.00 per officer for a total of \$14,000.00. The replacement of the entire video system to include cloud storage for one year. It covers initial purchase and would replace our current system that is over 15 years old. The total cost to do this is slightly over \$45,000.00 so as one can see, the grant would be some deference of cost and important to receive.

Additional Information:

The 13th Annual Trunk or Treat event was held on 10-31-21 with Covid-19 precautions. The event was well supported by Community Partners to include the Police, Fire/EMS, CERT and ACT-NOW as well as the Roscommon County Sheriff's Auxiliary, and the RAPS School District. 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 took part, volunteered or supported this event. A special thanks to Officer Eric Muszynski and Administrative Clerk Julie Hill for all their work behind the scenes.

In other news,

Shop with a Cop 2021 process has launched. After a vetting process and selection process, shopping for the 2021 Shop with a Cop program will begin in December with our Officers taking the oldest child shopping from each family.

As a formal update to the public, the Department is now back down one full time Officer. The Department is in an ongoing search for an Officer to fill that full time position. Recruiting and retention is a large problem here in the State. My thanks to my Officers who have stepped up and worked overtime hours to make our schedule work. As well, I want to publically thank their families for their sacrifices of their loved one's time to serve our community.

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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