



Gerrish Township Police Department

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Gerrish Township Police Monthly Report 04-01-22 through 04-30-22

The Gerrish Township Police Department responded to a total of 170 calls for service for the month of April 2022. (See attached report for breakdown).

The Department reports 2 custodial arrest statistics for the above reporting period. As a note, custodial arrest counts are decreasing as the criminal justice reform legislation that passed in 2021 has decreased the number of offenses that we are able to lodge. Violating subjects are summoned into court later with no bond consequences.

The Department reports 5 traffic citations with 2 traffic violations, 1 misdemeanor violation, 2 written verbal warnings and one felony citation.

Training:

The Department reports a combination of 30 hours of Virtual Academy online training including one officer for LEIN LASO training. (See attached document for breakdown)

Chief Hill highlighted activity for the reported month is as follows:

- 1) I attended our monthly Roscommon Law Enforcement Administrators meeting held at Fred's Restaurant in Roscommon, Mi.
- 2) This month is the usual six month drop off of the unwanted prescription drugs to the Tip of the Mitt Watershed council for disposal and we provided 74.0 lbs. from our Drug Drop box on the exterior of the building. The period of collection was from Sept. 2021 to April 2022.
- 3) This past month we have collaborated with the Roscommon County Area Ministries, Gerrish Township CERT and the Mi. Dept. of Health and Human services to facilitate a monthly COVID-19 Food Truck Distribution held at the Roscommon Area Public Schools Bus Garage. The event served 197 families with twenty first time families. A total of 443 individuals were served with forty-five first time people noted. 24 pallets of food totaling 17,857 lbs. were distributed.
- 4) The ACT-NOW Scrap Metal project opened on April 15, 2022, to serve the citizens of the community.
- 5) I attended and chaired the monthly NMCAC Board meeting in my chairperson role to address the business operations of the center.
- 6) This month, I also chaired a quarterly meeting of the NMCAC Executive Board.

- 7) Also, I chaired a Strategic Planning Meeting of the NMCAC Board for the purposes of gathering information for the Strategic Plan being composed by Omni Tech for the Center. We are hoping to create a 3-year plan to follow to oversee the operations of the center, its finances and direction.
- 8) I also met with the Executive Director of the NMCAC to review health insurance, retirement, short term/long term disabilities options on behalf of the Executive Board for the center to determine a recommendation to the full board soon.
- 9) This month we hired Officer Andrew Taylor as a full-time probationary Police Officer to fill our vacant position that has been vacant since September 2021.
- 10) I attended the ACT-NOW Executive Board Meeting in my advisory role to continue to further our Police/Community partnership.
- 11) I attended the NMCAC Multi-disciplinary team meeting that reviews current statuses on child abuse/neglect and CSC in our area.
- 12) Additionally, I have begun work on the 2023-2024 budget for the June 2022 meeting as well.
- 13) This month saw the issuance of 2 dock permits which is behind our usual amount for the month of April each year. This is due to the weather having been less than conducive to dock placement.
- 14) I attended the monthly work session and presented our department operational updates at that time for the month of April.
- 15) I attended the Northern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police meeting held in Mackinaw City in my board member role in the organization.
- 16) This month, Officer Eric Muszynski trained to replace Lt Patchin as the Department's Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) Local Agency Security Officer (LASO). This position monitors internal usage of the LEIN by the users in our department to assure we are complying with LEIN policy and procedures.
- 17) The department assisted the Roscommon County Sheriff Department with handing out Hams instead of tickets for the Easter Holiday. This is a the first one done at Easter with the Roscommon Congregational Church donating the hams for the project. A great collaborative by all!
- 18) I attended the regular meeting of the Gerrish Township Board as required.
- 19) I attended and chaired the 911 Technical Advisory Committee (911 TAC) in my chairperson role to discuss issues of procedure/policy for the center. The board usually meets quarterly to manage any issues that may arise to assist the 911 Director.
- 20) I reviewed two Legislative Bills and reported my recommendations to the MACP Legislative Board for their approval. I submitted them ahead of the meeting as I had a meeting conflict this month to attend.
- 21) Officer Eric Muszynski trained Officer Andrew Taylor in the use and operation of our X2 Controlled Electronic Weapon (Taser).
- 22) Administrative Clerk and CPR/AED Instructor Julie Hill conducted one Family and Friends CPR Community class for the Roscommon County Victims Service Unit with a total of eight students. Additionally, she performed a BLS CPR/AED skills session for one person who resides in the Township.
- 23) We continue to attend the Small Rural and Tribal webinars as needed to receive the \$14,000.00 award for the body worn cameras and in-car video systems. We have passed our acceptable quote phase and are still awaiting the approval of our BWC and in car camera policy to get a contract with the grant service.
- 24) I met with 911 Director Stringham for the purposes of discussing the proposed Request for Information (RFI) to shore up the document before sending out to vendors to seek information about a CAD/RMS/JMS one platform solution to combine all records management within Roscommon County to one system. More to follow each month.

25) Another technology item we have addressed this month is meeting with our new ATT First Net representative for an update on the First Net system Band 14 and we are exercising their upgrade promotional for three department cell phones.

26) This month, the department received a gift of stuffed animals with our partners at the Good Shepherd United Methodist of the North for distribution to children that are affected by trauma in an incident. We thank them sincerely!

27) Lastly, I hosted a traffic safety meeting in preparation for the Higgins Lake Sunrise Run 2022 to occur in June of 2022. We now have a safety plan for the event with confirmed partners. I thank them all for their commitment to Higgins Lake!

A look ahead.....

This year's Adopt-a-Highway spring road clean-up is scheduled for May 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Township Police Department. We clean both sides of Co Rd 100 from Pioneer Hill South to Hillsdale Drive. Please contact 989-821-5207 Ext 291 if you wish to assist.

We have begun the work on the 2022 Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising for Special Olympics Michigan 5k run. An in-person run will occur on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, and will begin at 6:00 p.m. with registration at 5:00 p.m. We have our pre-run T-shirts available here at the Police Department and at the Bird and the Bear Cafe for \$10.00.

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

In closing this month, I want to thank my officers for their dedication to our vision and missions as they make decisions daily for our community. Additionally, I want to thank the board for their support of those decisions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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