

Memorandum



To: **Gerrish Township Board**
cc: **File**
From: **Chief Brian Hill**
Date: **05/26/2023**
RE: **May Board Work Session Report**

1. Per our normal routine, we took part in the monthly COVID-19 Roscommon Area Christian Ministries/MDHHS drive-through Food Distribution at the RAPS campus on 05/20/23 at 10:00 a.m. without incident. The event served 214 families with 14 first time families. A total of 430 individuals were served with 29 first time people noted. 17 Pallets of food totaling 14,161 lbs. delivered. (See attached document). This is a significant decrease from last month in people served, first timers, pallets delivered, and pounds delivered by the truck.
2. This month, our long-awaited whole building new generator was installed over a two-day period. This now completes the long project that updated our 25-year-old generator. It will self-test itself every Thursday morning at 0700 hrs.
3. I received word last week that our new patrol car installation is in the garage now and being fitted. As we are experiencing a serious delay in getting our Motorola 800 MHZ radio, I will be transferring the radio from Car #3 so the new car will be immediately available for service. Car # 3 will be without a radio until the new one arrives. It is usable with a portable radio only and I will be using the vehicle until the new one arrives to limit its exposure due to that safety concern for my Officers.
4. Our School Resource Officer continues to be remarkably busy in the schools and has made an impact on the vaping issues by getting to a couple of distributors of same and consequently charging same for the distribution. The school continues to be cooperative to our efforts. SRO Wybraniec had two training courses this month. The first was a school track of classes at the Great Lake Homeland Security Conference in Grand Rapids and the second was a Teaching, Educating and Mentoring (T.E.A.M) held for four days at the MSP Academy in Lansing, Mi. He will receive actual teaching and training materials to

return to the schools with for his use. Additionally, he assisted with teaching a segment for the Physics class to show a practical application of what they are learning as it relates to the coefficient of friction. This is done with a "drag tire" that is used to gain information on pavement/tire friction as it relates to Accident Investigation/Reconstruction.

5. On the State of Michigan legislative front, the "Police Accountability" bills I alluded to last month and sent to you all appear to be gaining traction in the Senate who picked up the work to advance legislation out of the proposals. More to follow as is available.

6. As I have heard nothing back from any board member having concerns about any of our current proposed operational and organizational goals for 2023-2026 to prioritize what is important to the department and how we should direct our efforts both financially and operationally, I will assume that all is fine and will begin publishing same and distribute as a final copy to my Officers.

7. Spring Junk and Garbage Ordinance #16 and Junk Vehicle Ordinance #34 enforcements are in full swing with Officers opening and working on 34 cases off the list that originally began with 43 Department identified properties of concern.

8. I have also attached the June GAPS Newsletter for your knowledge of coming events and information important to our community.

9. Dock permits have been coming in and are progressing normally.

10. Environmental Pest Control treated our department building and grounds to address a host of wolf spiders visiting our night shift regularly.

11. Our furnace filters and maintenance service were conducted as is the normal for Spring by Piper Plumbing and Heating with no major needs noted.

12. The department has applied once again for the Patrick Leahy BVP grant which supplies 50% of the cost of the vests so we are only responsible for the other 50%. This is in anticipation of the future needs of the department and having future funds available to offset the 5-year product liability retirement of other vests.

13. Admin. Clerk and CPR/AED Instructor Julie Hill conducted a CPR/AED full course for 3 people in our community that were in need on behalf of the Police Department.

14. Lt Muszynski graduated from his Command Level 1 series of Executive Management training on May 23, 2023, with a graduation recognition and luncheon held in Cadillac, Mi. This was a 5 month long blended learning of classroom and on-line attendance with a final Capstone project being required. Congratulations to him for his work and dedication in doing this while maintaining his day-to-day work at the Police Department.

15. This month we received notification from the 82nd District Court of the cases and arrests that were handled by our department over the last 40 plus years that are affected by the April 11, 2023 "Clean Slate" law that went into effect which essentially wipes clean any record of arrests for the individuals that had been arrested. We received 1000 cases that will need to be addressed internally in our records systems. For records that still exist outside of those records purged by retention schedules mandates, they will need to be physically labeled as not releasable and treated as essentially expunged as if they never occurred. Every file must be searched and accounted for. Some of these records pre-date computer records making same more laborious to address. We believe that a great amount should have been attrited out with our retention records even before cloud storage.

16. Also, a reminder to the board that we will need to schedule a 2024-2025 Police Budget meeting before the end of June 2023 to review our proposed budget to stay in timelines for proper special assessment consideration. Another public meeting needs to be scheduled in August 2023 as well.

17. As I noted in an earlier email to the board this past month, the subject of a Medical Hardship to be handled for possible inclusion in the zoning ordinance appears to have been missed for deliberation by the planning commission for study and subsequent recommendation decision. This is a reminder and a request for direction regarding this matter so that the original requestor has an answer as to the board's intentions or directions.


18. Finally, I want the full board to know that I intend to retire no later than June 16, 2024 wrapping up a 42 year Law Enforcement career.

19. Considering #18, I need operational direction for the department from the board as I begin to close out my career here at Gerrish Township. I have used management succession strategies to try and leave the board with possible internal applicants to replace my position upon my retirement. Therefore, I will need to know if the board intends to seek an open candidate pool both from the

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inside and outside or are you going to open the position to be filled from within only? I have attempted to get each potential internal candidate the same baseline of training so that the process is fair based on training qualifications. I have been advised that two people internally wish to compete for my position. If the board were to do this and hire from within, the department would need to begin actively recruiting for a road position. If you were opening the Chief's position to outside candidates, that could be done later, and an interim Chief could be appointed while you search for a Chief. Discussion?? I have some ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,

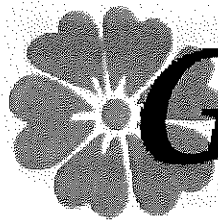
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Roscommon Food Truck Statistics 2023

May 21, 2023

	Date	Families Served	Individuals Served	RCTA Pick Ups	# of Pallets	Total Pounds	Total Volunteers
1.	Sat, Jan 28	255 28 first-time	618 75 first-time	2	26	17,707	60 (14 students)
2.	Sat, Feb 25 (overnight snow)	199 10 first-time	437 31 first-time	3	24	17,334	57 (4 students)
3.	Sat, Mar 25 (during snowstorm)	197 23 first-time	427 49 first-time	3	25	21,780	50 (2 students)
4.	Sat, Apr 22	241 32 first-time	564 84 first-time	1	25	18,554	68 (0 students)
5.	Sat, May 20	214 14 first-time	430 29 first-time	0	17	14,161	63 (0 students)
6.	Sat, Jun 24						
7.	Sat, Jul 22						
8.	Sat, Aug 26						
9.	Sat, Sept 23						
10.	Sat, Oct 21						
11.	Sat, Nov 18						
12.	Sat, Dec 9						
	Totals/ Average	1,106 221.2	2,476 495.2	9 2.25	117 23.4	89,536 17,907	298 59.6

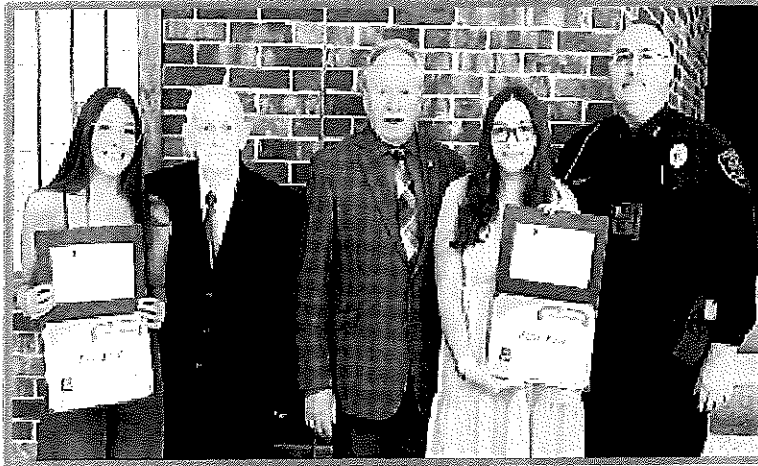


G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

"Community with Police...Caring & Sharing Together"

JUNE 2023



ACT NOW 2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS...

On May 1st, ACT NOW presented a \$1,000 Scholarship Award to Katie Ross and a \$1,000 Scholarship Award to Aleia Smith at the Senior Awards Night at Roscommon High School.

The ACT NOW Scholarship Program began in 2008 and is based on the value of Community Service, GPA and individual need. Pictured above (from left to right) are Scholarship Recipient Aleia Smith, ACT NOW Board Member Ralph Rowland, ACT NOW Chair John Ellis, Scholarship Recipient Katie Ross and Gerrish Twp. Police Officer John Wybraniec.

Aleia Smith is the daughter of Shawna Smith and will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall to pursue a career in Nursing. Aleia is a member of NHS and was active in Dance Team, Prom Committee, Float Committee, Spirit Club, School Concessions, Project Graduation, Youth Cheerleading Camps, Elementary Field Day, Kindergarten Round Up and Roscommon Fireworks volunteer. She has also worked as a Dance Instructor and at her family business Roscommon Floral.

Katie Ross is the daughter of John Ross and Malinda Ross-Stone and will be studying Applied Mathematics at Saginaw Valley State University. Katie was also a member of National Honor Society (NHS) and participated in Class Council, Steel Band, Quiz Bowl, Prom Committee, Rotary Interact and Cooking Club. She volunteered as a Tutor, working local Food Drives, Gahagan Clean Up, Mail a Smile, Student Rotary activities, Animal Shelter and RHS Office assistance. She has worked at the Higgins Lake-KOA Campground and the Little Cottage Ice Cream Shop.

We would like to CONGRATULATE both of these fine young ladies and wish them the best in their future endeavors!

We would also like to wish the entire RHS graduating Class of 2023 the best as they set out on their next chapters in life.

Remember...whatever community you live in, there will always be opportunities to serve and make a difference!



HIGGINS LAKE SUNRISE RUN...

The 13th Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run will take place on Saturday, June 17th and will include a 5K Run, 10K Run, Half Marathon and a Kid's Fun Run. The Half Marathon will start at 7:30 am at the North Higgins Lake State Park and end at the South Higgins Lake State Park. All other runs start and end at the South Park. The 5K and 10K start at 8:30 am and the Kid's Fun Run starts at 9:30 am.

This is a great community event and one of the largest fundraisers for the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center. All proceeds support the work of NMCAC making sure no child gets lost in the aftermath of child abuse and neglect. The services provided at the Center are invaluable to the community and local law enforcement and services are free of cost. You can register at NMCAC4KIDS.ORG under the "Events" page. Registration fee for the Half Marathon is \$65, 5K & 10K are each \$45 and the Kid's Fun Run is \$10.

SPRING ROAD CLEAN UP

Thank you to everyone that helped with our Spring Road Clean-Up in May. We collected 12 full large trash bags of garbage, one tire and some plywood from both sides of County Road 100 from the top of Pioneer Hill south to Hillsdale Drive. We provided pizza and pop afterwards to the 14 volunteers. Our Fall Road Clean-Up is scheduled for 09/20/2023 at 4:00 pm and starts at the Gerrish Township Police Department.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

JUNE 2nd

ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting
10:00 am @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

JUNE 17th

HIGGINS LAKE SUNRISE RUN
7:30 am @ South Higgins Lake State Park
6:30 am Briefing for CERT Volunteers at GTPD

JUNE 24th

Food Truck Distribution @ Roscommon Area Schools
Bus Garage (10:00 am until food is gone)

Mark Your Calendars...

24th Annual ACT NOW Meeting & Picnic

Monday, July 17th at 6:00 pm
Gerrish Township Marina

All food, beverages, utensils will be provided. There will be some picnic tables available but bring a lawn chair just in case. If the weather is bad, we will move inside the Marina building...so plan on attending rain or shine!

14th Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, August 12th at 10:00 am
(Registration will start at 9:00 am)

Redwood Golf Course

Enjoy 18 holes of golf and support ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Department in their largest fundraiser of the year! All proceeds support their community programs and projects.

The fee is \$60.00 per person (\$240.00 per team) and includes a 4-person scramble with multiple hole games, golf cart, cash prizes, a Chinese Raffle, a 50/50 Raffle, and lunch afterwards.

Bottled water and pop will be provided, other beverages can be purchased at the Club House or from the beverage cart.

If you would like to enter a team, be a hole sponsor or donate a prize, please contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291.

14th Annual Torch Run

Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00 pm
(Registration from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

Starts at the Gerrish Twp. P.D.

Ends at the South Higgins Lake State Park Boat Basin/Pavilion Area

Registration Fee is \$30 and includes a Flame of Hope Run Shirt.

Support Law Enforcement TORCH RUN

Every year, the Gerrish Township Police Department hosts a LETR Community 5K Run/Walk/Bicycle event to raise money for Special Olympics Michigan. Did you know that fundraisers happen all over Michigan throughout the year with all proceeds going to Special Olympics Michigan athletes? A portion of the funds we raise supports our local Area 4 (Counties of Roscommon, Crawford, Oscoda and Ogemaw) Special Olympics athletes so please consider supporting one of these fundraisers if you cannot participate in the 5K event:



Heather Green Sale T-Shirts
\$20 Each

52/48 cotton/poly blend
Available in Adult Sizes S-XXL

Gun Raffle Tickets - \$20 Each

Cash Raffle Tickets - \$10 Each

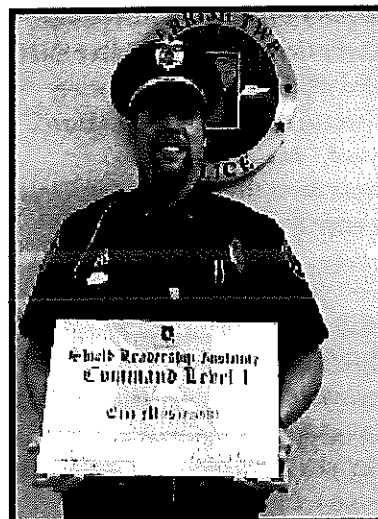
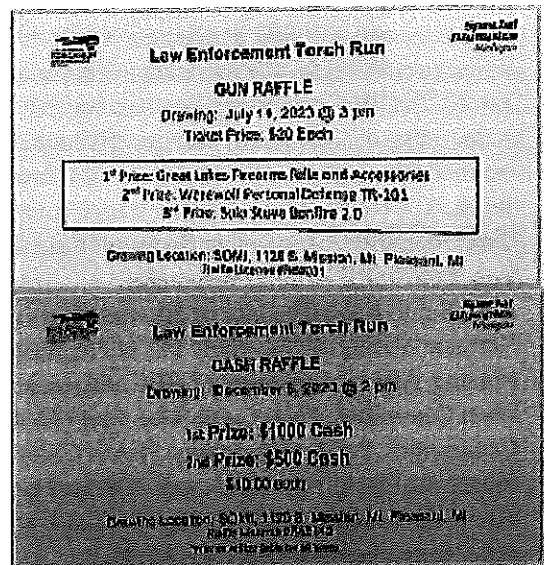
You do not need to be present to win on the Raffle drawings.

GUN RAFFLE

1st Prize - Great Lakes Firearms Rifle/Accessories
2nd Prize - Werewolf Personal Defense TR-101
3rd Prize - Solo Stove Bonfire 2.0

CASH RAFFLE

1st Prize
\$1,000 Cash
2nd Prize
\$500 Cash



CONGRATULATIONS to LT ERIC MUSZYNSKI for completing and graduating on May 23rd from Command Level One School through the Shield Leadership Institute. This was a 5-month long training to support newly promoted command officers as well as those already in those positions. The course covered 80 hours of on-line and in-person sessions and assignments.

4.34 Medical hardship housing opportunity

- A. It is the intent of this section to provide standards that will allow extended family living in traditional single family neighborhoods. Such provisions will permit the conversion of or addition to, a single family dwelling to include an accessory dwelling unit as a means of accommodating an elderly parent or other family member with a documented medical hardship requiring daily assistance and care. Also permitted will be the placement of detached, removable, self-contained residential units designed for installation on the same lot as the principal dwelling.
- B. **Accessory apartment:** The following provisions shall apply.
 - 1. Principal dwelling must be owner occupied.
 - 2. Such conversion or addition of an accessory apartment shall not change the exterior presentation of the principal as a single-family dwelling.
 - 3. One additional parking space beyond that provided for the principal dwelling.
 - 4. Approval by the Mid-Michigan District Health Department to utilize existing water and septic facilities, or approval to modify, increase in size, or implement a new system.
 - 5. For the property under petition, a statement recorded with the Clinton County Register of Deeds that no person unrelated to the owner of the principal dwelling shall occupy said accessory apartment and that the accessory apartment shall provide housing opportunity for a person being cared for, or is caring for, a relation.
 - 6. Occupancy of the unit is for up to two (2) blood relatives of those persons occupying the principal dwelling unit.
 - 7. Such unit has a kitchen (or kitchenette), bath, living area, and sleeping area.
- C. **Detached, movable, self-contained units:** The following provisions shall apply:
 - 1. Only owner of principal dwelling may install a detached, movable, self-contained unit (hereinafter referred to as "unit").
 - 2. The unit shall be removed upon cessation of occupancy of extended family member identified in the special land use approval.
 - 3. The unit must meet front and side yard setbacks of the district in which it is located.
 - 4. Planning Commission may establish temporary rear yard setback for a medical hardship housing opportunity unit.
 - 5. Unit shall meet applicable codes for manufactured housing.
 - 6. Bonding, or other economic guarantee satisfactory to the Planning Commission, shall be provided to the County to assure the removal of the medical hardship housing opportunity unit upon cessation of use.
 - 7. Planning Commission may establish time limits on the utilization of the medical hardship housing opportunity unit.
 - 8. Occupancy of the unit is for up to two (2) blood relatives of those persons occupying the principal dwelling unit.
 - 9. Such unit has a kitchen (or kitchenette), bath, living area, and sleeping area.

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