



Gerrish Township Police Department

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Gerrish Township Police Monthly Report 05-01-10 through 05-31-10

The Gerrish Township Police Department responded to a total of 157 calls for service for the month of May 2010.

The Department reports 31 civil traffic infractions, 10 misdemeanor violations, 2 fugitive warrant arrests, and 13 traffic verbal warnings for the month as well. (See attached reports for breakdown).

Training:

The Department report 12 hours of training this month. All related to firearms training.

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

- 1) I participated in a Lock down drill at the Roscommon Elementary School.
- 2) I attended a Board Special Work session.
- 3) I attended a safety preparation meeting with the Chair person of the Higgins Lake Sunrise Running Festival committee.
- 4) I attended the 7th Region Citizens Corps council meeting in Gaylord where our Gerrish Township CERT Coordinator Don Granzine was honored with the 2009 Citizens Corps Individual of the Year award presented by the MSP Homeland Security Dept.
- 5) I met with Priority Health Rep as well as Third party Administer Rep. reference medical benefits and cost containment options for the 2011-2012 budgets.
- 6) I attended a Work force review committee meeting.
- 7) I attended the Roscommon County LEPC meeting.
- 8) I attended an ACT-NOW Executive board meeting in my advisory capacity.
- 9) I met with the South Higgins Lake State Park Manager Joe Hall reference the South Higgins Lake State Park operations plan for the Alcohol enforcement effort on the 3rd and 4th of July 2010.
- 10) I met with a citizen regarding Sovereign Park concerns for the summer 2010.
- 11) I attended the Lake Saver Day Program at the Ralph MacMullen Center.

In other news;

The month of May finds us feeling the effects of short staff and the need to fill shifts by changing schedules and the use of overtime. Sgt. Patchin and I will be filling in on the road more frequently due to the continued shortage. The public may notice many times that our office is not staffed

where it otherwise may have been. We will do our best to balance our time and shifts to best serve the community.

Calls for service have picked up as the population flexes. The Memorial Day weekend was very busy, but I am happy to report that most incidents were of a minor nature.

Please note that on Saturday June 19, 2010 the First Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Running Festival will make its inaugural appearance on the roads of the Township. The half marathon will start at the North Higgins Lake State Park area and wind around the lake to a finish over 13 miles later at the South Higgins Lake State Park. There will also be 5k and 10k runs that begin at the South Higgins Lake State Park and return to same via the use of some of the same roads as the half marathon. The events start at 0730 hrs and will more than likely be done by 1200 hrs. Please welcome the runners to our area but be mindful of their presence on the roads during the above times.

As a reminder, the ACT NOW annual picnic is scheduled for 7-19-10 at the Gazebo behind the hall. Please see www.gerrishpolice.org for more on the events that are coming within the community that your Police Department are active participants in.

I would like to thank the Community and the board for its support of our Missions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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