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Texas REACT Chosen for Monitoring Postal Police Dept.

BRYAN, TX — Brazos County REACT will have space in the new Bryan Police Department building and will be able to take radio calls 24 hours a day in an effort to help fight crime. The Team base station will be set up in the new communications center of the police department.

The decision to let REACT have space in the new police building was prompted by Police Chief Charles Phelps while watching TV after he had heard of a woman who owed her life to REACT.

"I definitely believe they will serve as a crime deterrent," said Chief Phelps. He hopes that citizens will call REACT when they see a drunk driver or a crime in progress.



Space Control Meeting: Charles Phelps, chief of police of Bryan, TX, meeting with O.L. Moody, President of Brazos County REACT, to discuss a joint effort in which REACT will be given space in the department's new Communications Center to monitor calls that come in on Channel 9. Man on the right is unidentified.

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Team Helps With Plane Crash

FREMONT, NE — On January 19, the Dodge County REACT was activated to help with crowd control at the site of plane crash at the Fremont State Recreation Area. A Cessna 210 carrying a local businessman and three others, including his mother, crashed after takeoff into Lake 2, killing all four aboard. DCR was called to provide perimeter control and to help keep the sightseers under control. An official from the FAA praised all of the agencies involved in the project and was pleased that they all worked together so well.



FREMONT, NE — Observers look on as rescue personnel work to recover the bodies of four killed in a plane crash at the Fremont State lakes.

REACT Units Join Forces During California Floods

by Lorene Herzberg
Butte County REACT

OROVILLE, CA — During last winter's floods in Northern California, Butte County REACT units joined forces with other disaster agencies. As the swollen rivers began to rise over their banks, the waters rose, threatening all living things in their path. The Weather Bureau was calling for continued rain with no relief in sight.

The tiny community of Tehama was threatened by the rampaging Sacramento River and it had to be evacuated.

Two Butte County REACT units who answered the call for help were Fred Walther and Walt Pennington. They worked all night and all day, returning home for a quick shower and a hot breakfast and back to the chore of evacuating the elderly ill or disabled persons.

Members spent many hours sand-bagging weakened levees while handling communications to Chico. A network was set up to Chico in which units Bill Phelps and Laura Long worked tirelessly at their base stations for a week with little sleep.

Bud Royer, who lives in Paradise is Butte County's REACT's president as well as a member of the Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team. He worked endlessly during the emergency.

In Oroville, Gary Pranke, Butte County REACT's Captain and Field Commander, and his wife, Adelina, worked also with flood victims. When Pranke heard the call for help, he and his wife immediately offered their services. While Mrs. Pranke and member Edith Speegle served coffee and fried chicken to flood workers, Pranke waded in water five feet deep helping to save some of the victims' possessions.

TO ALL THE TEAM'S UNITS WHO ANSWERED THE CALL FOR HELP IN THIS MAJOR DISASTER, REACT SALUTES YOU. At a time when your expertise was so desperately needed, you came through.

It's not too late to register—do it now!
Call Bill Resvick at 403-289-1786 for information.

To the Editor:

On Saturday evening, January 18, 1986, King County Police and Fire personnel handled a series of mudslides along NE Juanita Drive in North King County. Many houses were damaged and several people injured. You arrived there soon after the incident occurred. Assisted by REACT members Larry Sager, John Fiske and Dick Gamble (Seattle REACT), you voluntarily handled the important functions of crowd and traffic control for us. You stayed there for fifteen hours, allowing our officers to go on to other emergencies, of which there were many that night.

I want to add my personal thanks to those already expressed to you at the scene by our officers. Without your organization's help, we would have had to leave many more officers there, further limiting our ability to help others in trouble.

Sincerely,
Vern Thomas
Sheriff-Director, King County
Seattle, WA

Sometimes It Takes More Than One REACT Team To Do The Job

by Charlie Harband
Golden Gate Area REACT

Rex Harwood strongly believes in broadening his support. Rex is a member of Crystal Springs REACT in Belmont, CA. While the Team is getting itself reorganized, he is the secretary and chairman of the Emergency Services Committee of Mission Peak REACT, across San Francisco Bay in Union City. And in order to be in on the Bay Area GMRS Program, he is a supporting member of Golden Gate REACT, in San Francisco.

At any rate, at 11:45 pm on March 19, Rex was driving north on U.S. 101, leaving Mountain View and entering Palo Alto, when a silver Toyota passed him, almost hitting his side and then swinging wide toward the center divider. There was very little traffic on this four lane portion of the freeway. As Rex watched, the Toyota with Arizona license plates weaved its way up the highway, occupying the first and the fourth lane simultaneously. This being the type of person the Highway Patrol would like to get off the freeways even at midnight, Rex picked up his microphone on 27 megs and called for a land line to pass the info to the CHP (California Highway Patrol). On his second call he was answered by Jim Galbreath, Blackberry REACT, a victim of sciatica who spends most of his time flat on his back on the hard kitchen floor to relieve the pain and who keeps his radio within reach. Jim passed the description of the car and the license number to the CHP giving them also the location and the direction of the vehicle. CHP then took Jim's phone number and asked him to stand by while they checked.

A check of the license number with

the CHP computer indicated that the vehicle in question was wanted in Arizona for hit and run at the scene of a homicide. At this point CHP requested Jim to stand by, to check once again the description and license number and to warn the mobile (Rex) to continue to observe but to stand clear of a potentially dangerous situation. The scanner then indicated that CHP was dispatching four Redwood City CHP units to get into position behind Rex preparatory to making a stop. This parade continued north on U.S. 101 past Palo Alto, Atherton, Menlo Park, Redwood City, Belmont, San Carlos, and entered San Mateo. By this time, the transmission between Rex on the highway and him at home were getting weaker. Rex requested that Jim in Mountain View phone Al White in Belmont, awaken him, and ask him to get on GMRS using the Golden Gate Repeater. Al White is Unit 126 of Golden Gate REACT. Jim did so and now the REACT conversation switched to GMRS. Rex reported through Al that the suspect car did not turn off on Highway 92, either east or west, but was continuing north on 101. At this point CHP called on Millbrae to join the chase and Rex was requested through Al to keep the suspect under view and to turn on his four-way flashers. He was also instructed to fall back out of contact when passed by the first police vehicle. This parade continued past the San Francisco Airport exit and when the suspect vehicle turned off onto westbound 380, Rex found he was being passed by three CHP cars and two Millbrae police cars. On instruction from the CHP through Al White on GMRS, Rex was told to back off

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Comment on the Wisconsin Convention

from Greg Seemuth, Board Treasurer

Your treasurer had the opportunity to attend the Wisconsin State Convention held May 9, 1986 in Wisconsin Dells. I would like to thank the host Team, Columbia County REACT, for the excellent convention.

During the convention there were several excellent speakers on important topics, such as, "Running Major Events" presented by Bill Simpson, "GMRS and the Federal Government" presented by Randy Knowles, and an informative roundtable discussion. All present learned a great deal and presented ideas to help one another.

One point I noted was many teams present had no formal "Impaired Driver Program" that would educate other groups on what to do and how REACT is involved. As members of REACT we can monitor (base or mobile), but unless the general public knows what to do we will not be very effective. If you have a program on how to report the "Impaired Driver," that is used as a presentation to other groups, send the information to headquarters. It can then be used as an article for publication in the REACTer to help other REACT Teams.

In closing I would like to make a few personnel comments. First, I was disappointed in the turnout when the program was so well prepared and so well presented. Secondly, I was impressed with the Host Team's planning, preparation, and presentation. Lastly, I would like to answer a question raised for all to think about; the question was "Where is REACT going in the future (long range)?" The answer was, "REACT is going where you want it to go because the Teams and their members are REACT."

Publicizing REACT

Senior REACT?

Millions of seniors across the continent will soon be reading about REACT in their AARP publication *Modern Maturity*.

Strike while the iron is hot! Check with seniors you know for a look at the article, perhaps obtaining a copy for your Team's archives. (Your Team does have an archives, we hope.)

As soon as the REACT issue hits the mailboxes, contact your local chapter to offer a followup on the article. Seniors have time and enthusiasm. Your Team likely needs an injection of both.

You can help the seniors by advising them on correct emergency CB call procedure. You can also interest them in joining your Team to help monitor Emergency Channel 9 in the comfort and security of their own homes.

Seniors and REACT were made for each other. Go for it!

25th PR

We kept our promise. Silver Anniversary publicity items began appearing in January, 1986, an entire year early, so your Team could gain maximum benefit from them. Are you taking advantage of these items?

Feedback has been very encouraging from Teams which are already heavily into using the material. That makes us happy. Let's get every last piece of that material out into the public eye. Let's empty the REACT warehouse in short order with lots of orders.

Watch for other releases yet to come, too. Your prompt orders for current items will free up funds to produce more items. Your Team can also use them to celebrate a quarter century of REACT service to the public.

Rub-a-dub-dub . . .

The boating season is upon us again. Has your Team prepared "safety information kits," if you serve boaters? Marinas will welcome your efforts to improve safety. Coast Guard, power squadrons, police, etc., all offer excellent leaflets, posters, decals, maps, and other items your Team can include in its kits. Try it this year, or plan now for next year. Prevention is a vital part of any emergency service, and such programs generate excellent public relations for Teams. Invite a press photographer along when you visit a marina (in full REACT uniform, of course) to place kits aboard boats or present them to the marina operator for distribution by him. Placing them aboard is more effective and most marinas are happy to have you do it. Stay off boats, however. Pack the safety material in REACT litter bags to keep them dry. Place or toss them in as protected a spot as possible on the boat *without* boarding.

P.S.

Invite a photographer along when you address the seniors too, or any other group. If he can't attend, take your own photos of the event. The paper may be glad to use them. Keep copies for your Team archives. (Your Team does have an archives, surely.)

More Than One REACT Team

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and discontinue his portion of the race. The fourth CHP car then sealed off west bound 380 and the stop of the suspect vehicle was made on 380.

The official CHP report contains the information that the original report and the following tracking was accomplished through REACT and Kevin Kelly, public relations for the CHP, advises that three suspects were taken into custody. They were an adult and a juvenile from Tucson, Arizona, and an adult from San Bruno, CA. They were held as suspects for "fleecing the scene of a homicide in Tucson, Arizona." The charges ranged from murder, to stolen vehicle, to receiving stolen goods.

As far as REACT was concerned, the incident involved three Teams, Blackberry, Mission Peak, and Golden Gate, and involved two radio frequencies—27 megs and 462 megs. The moral of the story is that in the San Francisco Bay Area, Teams work together to get the job done. Rex and Jim and Al did good.

Come one, Come all to Calgary!

Allen County REACT Helps With Three Rivers Festival

FORT WAYNE, IN — The Allen County REACT Team is volunteering members' time and talents to help put on the Three Rivers Festival, an annual nine-day community-wide event in July that celebrates summer sunshine, family togetherness, entertainment for all ages and tastes, ethnic food, and plain, old-fashioned fun.

The Festival, which will run from Saturday, July 12 through Sunday, July 20, is again expected to draw more than a million spectators to this city of

170,000 in Northeast Indiana on the banks of three rivers — the St. Marys, St. Joseph, and Maumee.

"Summer Kicks '86" is the theme of the opening-day, two-hour parade, which will mark the beginning of the festival's 18th year, and the 12th year the Allen County REACT Team has participated.

The numbers demonstrate how much of a true community effort is reflected in planning, staffing and enjoying the Festival. In 1985, more than 240 separate events involved more than 1,000 event-committee members, more than 6,000 volunteers who work on events, more than 114,000 people who participated in events, and more than 1.4 million spectators.

The Allen County REACT Team participates in the Festival as one of the three Teams that make up the Emergency Radio Network. ERN works during the Festival with Festival organizers and the traffic division of the Fort Wayne Police Department, under the direction of Captain Martin Bender, to provide crowd control, first aid and communications. During the 1985 Festival, seventeen members of the Allen County Team volunteered approximately 1100 man hours during the nine days. Besides maintaining our communications coach 24 hours a day in downtown Fort Wayne, Team members participated in over 10 specific events.

For the 1986 Three Rivers Festival, our Team plans to volunteer a similar number of hours over the nine days. We hope to be able to continue to work as part of the Emergency Radio Network as effectively as we have in the past . . . three separate Teams which can cooperate and combine forces during a major event . . . to provide 'Community Service through Communication.'

Greensboro REACTer 81 and Going Strong

GREENSBORO, NC — Page Mann, 81, a member of Guilford County REACT, was featured in a story appearing in the local newspaper. Mann, a retired accountant who is legally blind and must use a magnifying glass to see the dial of his CB radio, handles more than 100 emergency calls a month from

his home in northwest Greensboro. He is president of the Team.

"We try to provide 24 hour coverage," said Mann, who said the Team, which once numbered 100 members, is in the process of rebuilding. After dropping to only a few members, the Team now has about 17 members.

Below you will find the Income Statement as of March 31, 1986 for your review. At this time we have recorded 68.2% of our projected income while we have only 22.2% of our expenses incurred for the year. At this time the fact that we show a net income of \$59,761.18 you must remember that almost all the income is record but only one-fourth of our expenses. You will also note that the income from the sale of REACT I.D. materials is at a loss, therefore, we will be issuing new price lists in the near future. However, once the new prices are prepared any orders received will be billed for the difference between amount submitted and the new cost.

Submitted by Gregory J. Seemuth, Treasurer, REACT International Inc.

REACT INTERNATIONAL INC. Income Statement as of March 31, 1986

	Budget Amt	Year-to-date Amount	% of Actual to Budget
INCOME			
Dues from members	\$107,000.00	\$ 99,349.07	92.8
I.D. material sales	4,000.00	(4,433.03)	
Grants and contributions	8,000.00	235.00	2.9
Life memberships	1,500.00	1,300.00	86.7
Assessment for bonding	3,000.00	1,165.00	38.8
Assessment for liability (inc with Expense Item)			
Misc Income	0.00	923.35	N/A
Govt Contracts	0.00	4,618.11	N/A
Advertising Income	38,000.00	12,705.40	33.4
Greeting Card Income	0.00	97.00	N/A
Commissions	2,000.00	450.57	22.5
Professional Fundraisers	7,000.00	1,400.00	20.0
Team Charters	500.00	160.00	32.0
International Dues	300.00	250.00	83.3
Interest Income	3,000.00	641.33	21.4
TOTAL INCOME	\$174,300.00	\$118,861.80	68.2

EXPENSES

Membership kits	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,047.73	107.8
Team charters	400.00	350.92	87.7
Lifetime membership exp	175.00	90.20	51.5
Team publications	4,000.00	415.84	10.4
Data processing	7,500.00	3,213.20	42.8
Bonding expense	3,000.00	3,238.00	107.9
Misc expense (membership)	500.00	8.00	1.6
REACTer costs	42,000.00	12,465.37	29.7
Liability ins (inc Assessment) (payment made in April)	0.00	(6,109.45)	N/A
Forum expenses	1,000.00	1,001.56	100.2
Gooble award	200.00	0.00	0.0
25 Anniversary	5,000.00	0.00	0.0
Publicity	500.00	38.04	7.6
Membership promotions	1,500.00	0.00	0.0
State council reimb	1,500.00	674.25	45.0
Postage and freight	10,000.00	5,380.59	53.8
Long distance telephone	2,500.00	1,121.69	44.9
Board of Directors exp	15,310.00	4,709.99	30.8
Ramco Advertising	0.00	1,239.95	N/A
Salaries	60,000.00	17,213.77	28.7
Office supplies	5,000.00	971.26	19.4
Postage machine rental	324.00	324.00	100.0
Maintenance and misc	500.00	232.37	46.5
Insurance (staff)	6,500.00	885.43	13.6
Auditing and accounting	4,000.00	3,645.00	91.1
Legal	1,500.00	913.50	60.9
Travel headquarters	500.00	270.45	54.1
Payroll taxes	5,000.00	1,279.35	25.6
Rent and utilities	13,000.00	2,854.27	22.0
Interest expense	0.00	(61.76)	N/A
Basic telephone	3,000.00	550.85	18.4
Foreign Exchange	500.00	296.70	59.3
Dues and subscriptions	400.00	0.00	0.0
Depreciation expense	3,360.00	839.55	25.0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$199,469.00	\$ 44,380.81	22.2
NET INCOME OF (LOSS)	(\$ 25,169.00)	\$ 59,761.18	

(NOTE: In the percentage column where N/A is indicated there was no planned income or expense or the income and expense have been combined as in the liability insurance for which the board felt the Assessment would offset the expense.)



Nuts & Bolts on 27 megs

By Charlie Harband
REACT of the Golden Gate
San Francisco, California

I have never believed in the idea of the "indispensable man," BUT — when a person who has occupied what, in effect, has been a one-man office leaves, there is bound to be some tripping and stumbling in the chain of activity. For example, who will receive and look over this submission? Will some changes be made? Will the May/June issue of *The REACTer* be published, and, if so, will the nuts and bolts column be within?

I do not want to let the opportunity pass without expressing my heartfelt thanks to Jerry Reese for the many, many acts of cooperation on his part during the past 10-15 years of personal (local and national) relationships. With this goes my acknowledgement of a job well done within the limit of the tools available to him. (Let's include Terry Reese, as well, for the help that she has been.)

I want to cover briefly what could be called a normal relationship between an individual team and national in almost any organization. The fact is that there is no norm. A local organization with strong leadership often feels that national is an expensive luxury and that help, when it does flow, moves from the local team to the national. A local organization without strong leadership feels that help should flow from national to the local in almost every form. REACT has a further complication in the form of Councils. In some states, the Council is very strong — runs coffee stops — publishes monthly newspapers — and conducts fundraisers, and area meetings. In others, the Council is very weak or even non-existent and the Teams depend on a strong neighbor Team or upon national. During these next few months strong Councils and strong individual Teams will have to be alert to the problems of their neighbors and be willing to help out wherever help is needed and/or requested.

In this field of leadership, GMRS has had a marked effect. In the San Francisco area, where Golden Gate REACT owns and operates the only REACT repeater, we have among our three levels of membership: (1) Active — those who monitor from the hilltop station on schedule; (2) Associate — those who monitor from home on a regular basis; and (3) Supporting — those who support the Team monetarily but who are not obligated to monitor the 27 meg band either from the hill or from home, about 50 members who have either portable or mobile GMRS and are licensed for same. The proportional number of calls that are coming in to our monitors on GMRS reporting 10-33 S on the highways makes GMRS operations a part of our Nuts and Bolts purview along with our 27 meg operations. It also gives Golden Gate REACT a slightly higher image than we deserve.

The problems on 27 megs that face our operators exist and will be the basis for our meetings and our discussions at the Calgary Convention in July. We will list the most important and perhaps (1) those who are coming to Calgary will give them some prior thought, and (2) those who will not be coming might be willing to drop me a note so that your ideas might be included in the Calgary discussion.

(A) Skip — the receiving of signals from far away, mostly bouncing off the ionosphere. The only thing you can do is pray that it will go away. If skip is your real problem, then being able to switch to a much weaker antenna may be your solution.

(B) Local Loudmouths — The problem is that they use power to threaten. "I can talk louder than you can." There is much evidence that the FCC will carry out their promise to have their field teams crack down on CBers using power. What you have to do is flood the local FCC office with information on where these fellows are, what channel they usually can be found on, and what time to expect them. The action on the part of the FCC apparently is coming from pressure on the part of homeowners complaining about their TV set reception and their hi-fi operation. Although the FCC teams will try to eliminate power users, they are not going to spend any time on CB problems unless you let them know what they are.

We have been fairly successful in the San Francisco area, but only on a spot situation basis, in getting the channel 6 people to shut down long enough for us to complete a call on channel 9. But we have not succeeded in getting these linear freaks to move to one of the "above 30 channels."

(C) Special Local Equipment — Special design to eliminate bleedover from other channels onto channel 9. There have been separate special filters offered to eliminate channel 8 and 10 signals from channel 9, but no manufacturer of CB receivers has successfully built such a feature into their sets offered for sale. It costs money to make such additions and that means a higher price at the store for the set having the feature vis-a-vis a lower price for the set without it. The only way that it would work would be for the FCC to insist that all sets offered to the CBers have this feature. Then all sets offered would have this feature and all would have the price increase so who will start pressuring the FCC along these lines?

(D) Antennas — there seems to be enough different antennas on the market to satisfy the need.

(E) Beams and Loops — this year, as in the past, we lost our beam in the 120 mph winter storm wind. It led us into a fuller discussion of whether we should have a beam or a loop. We have never really gotten more accuracy than 20 degrees in locating a signal with a beam, but have gotten as low as 5 degrees accuracy in turning a loop until it achieves a complete null or silence. It would appear then that the purpose of the beam for us is to increase the signal strength about 5-6 times over a 20 degree sector of the periphery, making conversation easier in taking a 10-33, while the loop has its advantage in direction finding for the purpose of locating a "target."

(F) Local Cooperation — The highway patrol in its program to get "irresponsible drivers" off the highways, has introduced the new feature of *tracking moving targets*. The home monitor who first picks up the call from a mobile about a fast or weaving driver, might lose contact in the period it takes for the highway patrol to get into the picture. Some other monitor from the same team, or one from another team, may have to take over the contact with the reporting mobile and with the highway patrol. Familiarity and friendship between monitors along popular routes in the area is a must.

(G) GMRS — The price of handheld GMRS units with one set of crystals and without toner capable of "direct" conversation between two or more units without the use of a "repeater" is now about \$300 from several sources. That means that in a smaller community, with relatively flat terrain, a REACT Team could eventually monitor on GMRS along with, or instead of, 27 megs, and do it much better and with far less interference.

We invite your comment, criticism, support, or whatever turns on your writing arm.

Charlie Harband
560 Darrell Rd.
Hillsborough, CA 94010



VIENNA, VA—George Blackford (center) proudly displays one of four awards presented to him at recent awards dinner sponsored by Herndon REACT. Blackford received the awards for dedicated service to the Team. Left to right are: REACT President Al Hanger, Blackford, and Vice President Bob Guest.

by Bob Baird, Public Relations Officer
Herndon REACT

OAKTON, VA— Herndon REACT held their annual awards night February 4, 1986 honoring members who rendered outstanding performance during 1985. It was Herndon REACT's biggest award ceremony since its establishment in 1967, with a total of 15 awards being given to members deserving special recognition.

George Blackford headed the list of those honored by receiving the distinguished service award, the silver medallion award (awarded for 11,590 hours of monitoring from October 1980 through 1985). He also received the annual top monitoring award for 3,422 hours of monitoring. Blackford, unit 60, has been a member of Herndon REACT since October 1980 and has displayed dedication and loyalty to both the members and the organization during his five year membership.

George was scheduled to leave Herndon REACT at the end of February in a move to a neighboring county. His familiar voice on channel 9 will be missed by those who have been helped by him and by those who enjoy monitoring channel 9 just to listen to George handle emergency calls. During his service to Herndon REACT, George chaired numerous Team committees and co-chaired our first safety break in the Spring of 1985. He also served as liaison to the Falls Church Police Department and as delegate to both Metro Council and the Commonwealth of Virginia REACT Council. With all these responsibilities, George has found time to participate in Herndon's REACT's numerous community events. With all these accomplishments, one wonders when this tireless man ever slept.

We, of Herndon REACT are happy to have had the opportunity to have such a dedicated member as George Blackford. In addition to his awards, George received a certificate of Honorary Membership from Herndon REACT C-332. We wish him well in his new home and hope he will continue his volunteer service by joining a local REACT Team in Warren County, Virginia.

Local REACT Team Joins Search for Elderly Man

PHILLIPSBURG, KS — On February 19 at 9 p.m. Phillips County REACT offered to assist the Phillips County Sheriff's office in the search for an overdue elderly farmer. The man had failed to return to his rural home for the evening meal. The Sheriff's office was notified at around 8:15 p.m. that the farmer had not returned when expected. After searching for the farmer's vehicle along the roadside within a 16 square mile area without success REACT requested to join the search.

Four REACT mobile units responded and the communication base was set up in the city of Agra (10 miles from the search area). REACT's assignment, with the aid of area volunteers, was to conduct a vehicle search in an area 8 miles wide by 12 miles long (96 square miles). Three and a half hours were required to search this area. Meanwhile, the Sheriff's officers searched the remaining four miles to the Nebraska state line. They also checked the last known reports of sightings of the individual and requested searches by the local city police in the towns of Phillipsburg; Agra, Kansas; Republican City, Nebraska; Franklin, Neb.; Alma, Neb.; Napoleon, Neb.; and the Harlan County Dam (By the Park Rangers).

REACT units and the volunteers in their charge were requested to meet at an Agra service station as soon as their search areas were completed. At 12:45 a.m. the last two REACT units checked in at the designated point. At this time the Sheriff's officers decided the best option was to put up two planes early the next morning. REACT units, as well as interested volunteers, were instructed to meet at 7:30 a.m. at a location 10 miles north of Agra to com-

mence a ground search in conjunction with the planned air support.

Within a few minutes after the meeting ended the individual was located by a transport driver returning to his terminal stop. The individual was sitting inside the driver's room of the terminal in a confused and disoriented condition but otherwise was alright. The overdue farmer had driven some 21 miles from his home.

The search on this Saturday evening directly involved 3 Sheriff's officers, 10 REACT members, and over 50 local area volunteers.

John A. Grimes — Remembered for His 20 Years' Devoted Service

PHOENIX, AZ — Superstition REACT Team C-320 is mourning the recent passing of John A. Grimes. He was born in Kansas City, Kansas and after service with the U.S. Army, came to Phoenix in 1954. He was with Airesearch for 24 years, retiring in 1976. He also served the community as a reserve police officer with the Phoenix Police Department. He retired with the rank of Captain after 12 years.

John is survived by his wife of 50 years, Bertha; daughter, Mary Anne; sons, Peter and James; and three grandchildren.

John had been with Superstition REACT for 20 years, making it a full-time volunteer work since his retirement. Always cheerful, willing, and a fabulous listener. He was many things to many people and will be sorely missed by his Team-mates and all who were privileged to have known him.

REACT Board Candidates for 1986



Nathan L. Maryn

National Capitol REACT C-490
Gaithersburg, Maryland

OCCUPATION:
Data Processing Manager

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 49; Single; 2 sons

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1966. Team offices held: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chairman, Comm. Officer, UHF Systems Manager, Member of Board. State Council Treasurer, State Council Bylaws Committee, Area Council VP and Delegate.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:
Cub Scouts

EDUCATION:
Master of Public & International Affairs (Public Administration), BA-History and Political Science.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

- Survival of REACT in the trying times of membership decline and organizational change has got to be a first priority. With a professional background in public administration and a long, broad experience in REACT, I am well equipped to serve with the rest of the Board in identifying goals and objectives for the organization. Meeting the service and support needs of the Councils, Teams and members requires attention and resources to deal with both our fine base of membership and the issues the organization needs to address. My communications skills can also aid both the membership and the Board in mutual understanding of problems and solutions.
- Sharing what I know and what I have learned has been most rewarding for me. An example of this is converting "oral traditions" in our Team and area into a simple Manual for Monitors which aids training and day-to-day Channel 9 monitoring. Another is sharing simple approaches to organization and administration when helping form and write by-laws for our State Council. Of course, to have something to share, I first had to learn from others and practice to activities, and I have enjoyed all of the aspects, from monitoring and service event work to administration and management.

NOMINEE'S STATEMENT:

I have been a member of REACT for 20 years. I continue to monitor, make coffee, work at events, as well as serve in several officer and administrative positions. Even as founding President of the REACT Forum, I continued to fulfill my responsibilities as a regular monitor. I have seen, and had the honor to be part of, many transitions in REACT. From seminar leader at the First International Convention, to working with the Board when the Forum was first created, I have learned as well as shared. I have had the good fortune to have made many warm friends at all levels of REACT as a result of local work, travel and Convention participation.

As the latest changes occur in REACT and in the radio and public environment in which we work, I believe that my background and experience, in and out of REACT, can be used to benefit the membership and the organization as a member of the Board of Directors, and I am willing to make the commitment to do it.

Remember to complete certification on envelope — two Team officers' signatures needed.



Ronald O. Mayes

Sedgwick County REACT Inc. 4208
Wichita, Kansas

OCCUPATION:
Marketing Manager—
General Communications

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 31; Married; 2 Children (1 daughter, 1 son)

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1976. Team offices held: President, Treasurer, Vice President, Communications Coordinator. Kansas Council Founder and Chairman, Chairman 1983 REACT International Convention. Present Field Director.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:
Eagle Boy Scout with palms, Red Cross Disaster Services-Disaster Management and Response Action trained, DECA — National Award and KSVOAD.

EDUCATION:
Associate Degree Paralegal Assistant, Bachelorate Degree, Business Administration — Marketing Management.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

- Serving as a Board member the past (almost) two years has been both a challenge and a gratification. Having to draw from my REACT experiences, professional skills, and college education to meet the demands of the Field Director position has provided me with inspiration. The business of managing, marketing and planning the future of REACT is no easy task. However, this inspiration I've developed makes me want to see the job through successfully. I have travelled to Council meetings and their conventions, participated in the FORUM and Board meetings, and conversed with many a REACTer to receive and provide input about REACT's GOALS and FUTURE. Much of this was at the expense of my time and some money because I am dedicated to REACT. The Board Committees I've served on include: FCC Comment Committee-1984/85; Membership problems-84/85; Convention Task Group-82/83/84/85. Currently I chair the Convention and Membership Committees under the New Board Structure, this is where my experience is and where I can be the most help.
- I am still very active in the Kansas Council and my Team — Sedgwick County REACT Inc. I monitor CB Channel 9 and GMRS, participate in all area functions, provide assistance in disasters, Red Cross FLASH program, and many other community service projects. All these things interest me because I get the best feeling knowing I've helped others.

NOMINEE'S STATEMENT:

My nomination for a second term is a great honor to me, and if elected I would carry out the Field Director's duties to the best of my ability, for the Growth and Future of REACT.

HOW TO VOTE

- Discuss and evaluate candidate qualifications as a Team.
- On ballot, write rank number in box for each candidate. Be sure to rank all candidates in order of preference.
- Insert and seal ballot in small "OFFICIAL BALLOT ENVELOPE." Complete certification on this envelope including signatures of two Team officers.
- Enclose small "OFFICIAL BALLOT ENVELOPE" in business size pre-addressed "REACT ELECTION COMMITTEE" envelope. Fill in Team Number and Team return address on envelope. Mail with First Class postage applied.



Albert J. Moccia, Jr.

Lower Pinellas REACT Team, Inc. C-610
St. Petersburg, Florida

OCCUPATION:
Self-employed — Photographer

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 53; Married

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1972. Team offices held: Co-ordinator, Vice President, President. REACT Council — 2½ years President.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:
Red Cross (B.O.D., Instructor-Trainer; Educator/19 fields); Civil Defense (co-director Emergency Comm. Pinellas City and member of Planning Commission); Crime Watch Coordinator; American Legion (B.O.D.) Post 14; VP of St. Vincent DePaul Society.

EDUCATION:
New York School of Printing; New York School of Photography; training with Eastman Kodak Corp.; U.S. Army Signal Corp — Communications and Photography.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

- Because of my experience working with the following, I feel this gives me a direct insight into many of the problems REACT is facing: Member of the Board of Directors with such organizations as the American Red Cross and the American Legion; REACT Council President; several board positions with local REACT; planning and operational stages with the numerous Police agencies, Civil Defense, nursing homes, Regional Planning Commission; Task Chairman of the Liaison & Disaster Committees on the Forum (managed to obtain a number of agreements with other organizations such as Amateur Radio); served on Forum Committees: Monitoring, Planning, Site Selections. Last, but not least, as owner of my own commercial photographic company.
- For a good many years now, a major portion of my work country-wide has been the logistical operation of REACT in the field, including planning, physical operation, emergency and non-emergency set-up for major events (i.e., Florida Festival of States; Special Olympics); planning of communicational operations (minor and major emergencies) such as our last "wandering" hurricane; co-director of communications for the American Red Cross and REACT Director for Communications for the Civil Defense in our area; coordinating the nursing homes in this entire area (communicationswise) for major emergencies with themselves and with the various governmental agencies.

NOMINEE'S STATEMENT:

I've been a member of REACT since December 1972, and am Life Member #62. I have served as Team President for more than five years, as Co-ordinator and as State Council President for over two years. I have been Team Delegate to International for six years (this will be our seventh Convention) and have also served as both State Delegate and Alternate Delegate a number of years. I served as Chairman on a number of Task Groups and served on numerous task committees such as Site Selection for several years.

Between my teaching of both professional and non-professional people, my logistics setting up operations on the street in emergency and non-emergency situations and working with numerous volunteer agencies and non-volunteer groups, I feel that I could be an asset as a member of the REACT International Board of Directors. I was nominated both by my State Council and by my Team.



H. Don Perry

Salem Area REACT, Inc. 4397
Salem, Oregon

OCCUPATION:
Insurance Auditor - Inspector

PERSONAL DATA:
Age 59; Married; 4 children

REACT HISTORY:
Joined REACT in 1972. Team offices held: President S.W. REACT 1976-77, VP Salem REACT 1979 through 1982, 1984 through 1986; President Salem REACT 1983. President of Oregon State REACT Council 1981 and 1982, 1984-1985.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:
VFW, Red Cross Instructor, Founder and Training Officer of Baldwin Park Police Reserve.

EDUCATION:
High School GED, Law Enforcement Supervision and Administration credits from several colleges.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

- I feel members of the International Board of Directors should have an ear to the membership, and be their "voice" at Board meetings. I listen to the members, and make every effort to implement their constructive wishes for the betterment of REACT.
- All of my time at home and in my car (including while asleep) includes listening to Channel 9. I enjoy helping people. As a REACTer, I feel obligated to serve the public, through the prudent use of my Radio and time, to fulfill the objectives of REACT, and leading and urging others to do the same.

NOMINEE'S STATEMENT:

I became aware of REACT in San Diego in the early 70's. I saw the good that was being done, and I wanted to belong. During the several years I was a member there, I was very active with the Team, rising to the Office of President, and helping to increase the size and efficiency and the respect for the Team.

Returning to Oregon, I found jealousy, bickering and much animosity within the Teams. We joined and tried to mend the problems from within, but found the clique that rules very firmly entrenched. We founded our own Organization, very successful, and within a year we were asked by REACT to join them. We did so.

Since that time I have worked to improve relations among the Teams here, and to build a strong and efficient State Council, and to improve the overall operations of REACT hereabouts. We have done much to accomplish this, and it is still improving.

I know what REACT can do—if the members work toward the common goal—the Objectives of REACT. I have worked with members of the International Board at the delegate level at conventions, and believe that I can be of value as a Member of that Board.

My record as a member of REACT clearly indicates my ability and willingness to work with anyone.

1986 Election Committee Report

The Election Committee held a conference call meeting on Sunday, March 23, 1986. Participating were: Ned Smith, Chris White, and Ron McCracken.

Five nominations had arrived by the March 15 deadline. All five were complete and correct. Teams are to be commended on the care with which they prepared nominations.

The Committee cautions Teams to follow closely the voting instructions. We have revised them and trust that this will help Teams. They are for your protection, to ensure the accuracy and honesty of the election.

The Committee is allowed to tabulate only ballots which comply. Last year, 12 ballots did not. Exercise care. We want to be able to count every ballot cast this year. Thanks.

(signed)
Ron McCracken, Chairman

REACTing

in emergencies

by R.C. Watts,
Louisville, Kentucky

LOST CHILDREN

With Summer coming, REACT Teams will again be called out to help look for lost children. And perhaps to search for a few adults, particularly old folks, who may wander away. Have your maps, fresh walkie-talkie batteries, thermos bottles and snacks ready to take along. Don't forget first aid kits. You would be surprised how many search teams go out without them.

Lost children tend to become scared and hide or run from search parties. Crashing through brush and shouting back and forth can add to their anxiety. Having along enough radios will hold down the noise and move the search along much faster.

Children can be taught to "Hug-a-tree" and stay put when they lose their sense of direction and become lost. A whistle attached to a child's clothing will help locate them, if they're taught in advance to use it.

SNAKE BITE

A summer problem that most people don't think about is snakes. Very few are bitten, but poisonous snake bite is a very serious matter, especially to someone aged or with a chronic illness. If you are involved in a rural search for a lost person, snakes are likely to be encountered. But there are plenty of city snakes, too, so anyone trained in first aid should keep them in mind.

If someone is bitten, first determine if the bite is poisonous or not. One or two punctures or fang marks indicate a poisonous snake. If the bite is non-poisonous, go ahead and treat the laceration as usual. A poisonous bite may be accompanied by a violent reaction. Burning around the bite, swelling and pain are some of the symptoms. Have the victim reduce activity, lie down and raise the bite higher than the heart. DO NOT give alcohol or other drugs and DO NOT apply ice. Transport quickly to hospital.

In a remote location or if the victim can't be transported immediately, constrict the blood flow between bite and heart with a belt or heavy cord, lance deeply on the fang punctures (DO NOT cut across muscles) and apply suction to remove as much venom as possible. Having a good snake bite kit makes this procedure a lot easier (and safer) for the victim as well as the person doing it. Prevent shock and infection and get the victim to a hospital as soon as you can.

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

Conflicts often arise during emergencies and disasters — usually about who's running the show. Ultimately, a mayor, county judge or even the governor is the person in charge with responsibilities delegated downward to many people. There are also those who assume they are in charge of something but really have no authority at all. Make no mistake about it though, whoever you elected to be the chief officer of your REACT Team, is in charge of the Team! Other organizations will look to that person for help, decision making and supervision over what members do. Your chief officer should be the only person receiving requests for assistance and dispatching Team members on "missions."

You can help avoid conflicts by cooperating with Team officers, not taking it upon yourself to take hasty actions and generally sticking to the rules of the government or organization in overall charge. Civil defense, the Red Cross, police, etc., all have their procedures and anyone assisting them should meet them halfway. Keep your chief officer informed as much as possible about what you're doing and check in when problems arise.

Some officials can get carried away with their authority (or lack of it). A few do not appreciate volunteers. It is difficult to satisfy those types and conflict with them will only in the long run reflect on the Team's reputation. Letting your chief officer carry the ball, doing what's right in accordance with traditional REACT values, and avoiding independent action will keep the Team together and in charge of its own fortunes.



REACTer and A Friend in Need

OMAHA, NE — Jim Watt, Chief of Operations, Douglas County REACT, at the controls of the Team's communications box. Completely self-contained, the unit can be operated in the field from battery or in a building off 110 volts. The box was recently put to use during a "stair climb" in which participants took pledges to see how many times they could climb 26 flights of a 28 story building. According to the Team's Public Relations Unit, Rich Ryan, the communications box worked very well.

Guadalupe County REACT Awards Banquet

UNIVERSAL CITY, TX — The Ninth Annual Anniversary Awards Banquet of Guadalupe County REACT was a big success according to a story which ran in the Herald News, the local newspaper. Among those in attendance was Earl Sawyer of Schertz, who presented the Team with a proclamation recognizing November as REACT month. Dickie George, vice president of the Team, served as mistress of ceremonies.

Register for the Convention now! For information contact: Bill Resvick, 403-289-1786

Pardon Our Goof

We inadvertently omitted the name of one of our strong supporters and a past advertiser in the March-April 1986 REACTer. Midland International Corporation has contributed CB radios for the Early Bird drive every year and should have been listed in the "Special Support in Kind" column. Our apologies for the oversight.



ALOHA, OR — Northwest REACT Team 2867 launches major advertising campaign. Left to right, AD BENCH INC. President M.J. Sweeney; Northwest REACT's Public Relations Officer Steve Pierce; AD BENCH Sales Rep. Kathy Sunseri and Team President Ed William Johnson. The project would have been impossible without the support, and interest of AD BENCH INC. whose belief in REACT is very high. So hats off to them and Steve Pierce for a job well done, in getting the word to the public that REACT is on Channel 9, and always will be. AD BENCHES are displayed all over Portland, Oregon and surrounding areas.

Michigan Team Handles Traffic in Cross Country Ski Event

STURGIS, MI — St. Joseph County REACT Team 2982 was asked by the local Optimist Club to assist in traffic control at the club's annual cross country ski run. Money collected went to a local project for children in the area.

More than 100 participated in the event, which went from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Although the weather was nippy, all had fun according to Bob Olds, the REACT reporter.

Anderson W. VA REACT Team Receives Newspaper Coverage

ANDERSON, W. VA — "Anderson REACT Chapter, A CB Group is Ready to Go When Disasters Call," was the heading on a story which appeared recently in the Anderson Independent Mail, the local newspaper. The story went on to describe how the Team has helped in various local emergencies, floods, fires, etc., all adding up to a very much appreciated plug.

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VIENNA, VA — A handshake of friendship and gratitude is extended to Laura Dofton, editor of the local Herndon newspaper, for the fine publicity she has given Herndon REACT C-332 during 1985. On the presenting end of certificate of recognition is Team Vice President Bob Guest.

Death Calls End to California REACTer's Career of Service

ANDERSON, CA — Northern California has lost a very dedicated member in Moon Lee, who died recently in Redding hospital after a brief illness. He was 82.

Lee had held office in Trinity County REACT and was a past delegate to Northern California Council. Sole remaining descendant of more than 1,200 Chinese families that came to Weaverville in the mid 1800's in search of gold, Lee was credited with saving Weaverville's Joss House, a building which served as a temple in Tao worship.

Lee was also a tireless civic volunteer whose colorful career included two four-year stints on the California Highway commission.

He was honored for more than 60 years as a volunteer fireman, including 20 years as district chief and was a past noble grand hambug of E. Clampus Vitus and served as president of the Weaverville Chapter of the American Field Service.

Eyes Pop in Visit to California Sheriff's Office

WEAVERVILLE, CA — Members of Trinity County REACT Team 3066 found a recent visit to the Sheriff's Office both interesting and informative as the complicated equipment which makes the office tick was shown and explained to them. In the reaction of one member: "It's a miracle how one dispatcher can handle so many calls and so much equipment at one time."

MN REACT's Help A Big Help in Cross Country Event

ALBERT LEA, MN — The Third Annual Big Island Loppet cross country ski race was held at Helmer State Park near here recently.

Altogether 55 participated in the 10 kilometers race. While temperatures were mild, the snow conditions were very good.

All went off without a hitch, thanks to the help received from Southern Minnesota Albert Lea REACT, who monitored the trail during the race and several local organizations including Troupe 40 of the Boy Scouts and the Albert Lea Snowmobile Club.



SAN JOSE, CA — Token of recognition for the State's efficiently run 911 Communications system, in the form of a Special Recognition Certificate, is extended to Joel Healy, of Santa Clara County Communications, by Mervin C. Lee, Team Leader, Bay Area Emergency Radio REACT.

LIFE MEMBER CORNER

by Richard Prätz, LM 73
Chairman, Life Member Committee, REACT Forum

I was looking through the last REACTer and noticed the 1986 Budget. I found it interesting that under Membership Data the Board of Directors show we had 260 Life Members last year. That seems about right, but they estimate 266 Life Members for 1986. Now, I wouldn't want to upset anyone's estimate, but on April 23, 1986 there were 274 Life Members on the rolls and there is still plenty of time to increase that number before the end of the year.

Since I am on the subject of new Life Members, I want to take this opportunity to introduce the newest Life Members:

- 271 James J. Krawic
- 272 Diane Stanley
- 273 W. Wayne Stanley
- 274 Henry Boltz

One of the first articles I wrote for the REACTer listed the number of states with the number of Life Members in those states. That was almost two years ago and things have changed. Let's take a look at the Life Members by states and Teams.

The 1984 REACT Directory was used as reference for the number of Teams in each state.

	Teams	LM
Alabama	14	4
Alaska	4	1
Arizona	10	4
Arkansas	10	0
California	108	31
Colorado	9	0
Connecticut	9	2
Delaware	5	0
District of Columbia	0	0
Florida	38	47
Georgia	15	2
Hawaii	2	1
Idaho	2	0
Illinois	39	9
Indiana	55	6
Iowa	14	2
Kansas	8	8
Kentucky	25	1
Louisiana	9	2
Maine	6	1
Maryland	25	14
Massachusetts	14	1
Michigan	45	3
Minnesota	19	2
Mississippi	6	0
Missouri	15	1
Montana	3	0
Nebraska	17	6
Nevada	4	3
New Hampshire	9	1
New Jersey	24	4
New Mexico	1	1
New York	49	6
North Carolina	40	4
North Dakota	1	0
Ohio	73	5
Oklahoma	15	0
Oregon	15	0
Pennsylvania	54	11
Rhode Island	2	0
South Carolina	14	1
South Dakota	4	0
Tennessee	16	3
Texas	61	25
Utah	5	2
Vermont	1	0
Virginia	31	10
Washington	34	29
West Virginia	15	0
Wisconsin	19	6
Wyoming	2	0
Canada	30	5
Guam	1	0
Puerto Rico	19	1
Virgin Islands	2	0

Deceased:

- C-001 Arthur Underwood
- C-012 Charles Southard
- C-032 Pierre Furst
- C-058 Hazel E. Scheid
- 00133 Charles Markum

Now let's compare with 1984:

- 18 States had no Life Members
 - 8 States had 1 Life Member
 - 4 States had 2 Life Members
 - 4 States had 3 Life Members
 - 5 States had 4 Life Members
 - 2 States had 5 Life Members
 - 2 States had 6 Life Members
 - 1 State had 8 Life Members
 - 1 State had 9 Life Members
 - 2 States had 10 Life Members
 - 1 State had 24 Life Members
 - 1 State had 28 Life Members
- and then there was
FLORIDA with 45 Life Members

There were three Life Members in Canada, 1 in France, 1 in Puerto Rico, 1 in Venezuela and 1 on the USS Constellation.

We all know that there has been a change in the number of Teams since 1984. The active and forward-looking Teams in each state can help raise the number of Life Members in their Team by:

1. Giving Life Memberships as a very special "Thank You" in appreciation of long and unusually dedicated service to the Team and community.
2. Encouraging long-time members to become Life Members. The Team can provide matching funds, perhaps, to defray the costs. In the case of Senior Citizens, this may cost very little.
3. Explain the benefits of Life Membership to new members and give them a goal to work toward for the future.
4. Suggest a Life Membership as a suitable Christmas, birthday or anniversary gift for one REACT spouse to give the other. Here again, the cost for Senior Citizens is greatly reduced.
5. Have a donation raffle as a fund raiser and give a Life Membership as the prize. If a Life Member or an ineligible person wins it, they can designate an eligible person to receive it or get half the cash value instead.
6. Add your own ideas, they'll probably be better than these. Share them with us so we can all benefit.

The annual Life Membership meeting will be held Monday night, July 21 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada; and will be a dinner meeting. There will be time for any business that needs to be handled, but at this time the only business that I know about will be the election of the Life Member Task Group Leader. I look forward to seeing you there.

Don't miss the breathtaking beauty of Calgary!

Two Missouri REACTers Saluted For Work With Homebound

ST. CLAIR, MO — REACT volunteers from Three Rivers REACT, Vernon Starks and Betty Basinger, were featured in a story detailing how REACT and other volunteers help out in a program to deliver meals to homebound senior citizens. The story ran in the local paper, the *Missourian*.

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City REACT of Calgary, your host, is working hard to prepare the hospitality for which the West is noted. Come early or stay on to enjoy the scenic beauty and varied tourist attractions Canada offers.

Have a safe and pleasant journey. See you in Calgary, eh?

Yours most sincerely,



Ron McCracken
Director
REACT Canada



CALGARY, AL — Shot of the Marlborough Inn, which will serve as Convention Headquarters come July when REACTers from throughout the U.S.A. and Canada will converge on Calgary.

ILLINOIS DECLARES WAR ON WISCONSIN!!

by Larry Shrigley, Vice President — North Illinois REACT Council

NORTHBROOK, IL — "It's war," stated Rheta Link, President of the Illinois REACT Council, as she presented the visiting ambassadors from Wisconsin (Council President Jackie MacDonald and her husband, George) a monitoring challenge. The ambassadors were sent home to decide if they would accept the challenge of who would have the best monitoring record for a three-month period.

High level "war talks" commenced with the decision made that the "warring" period would be held during April, May and June of 1986. The winner would be decided based on the state which achieves the highest average number of hours monitored per reporting member. The spoils of this "war" have yet to be determined.

Commander-in-Chief Link is confident of a rousing victory when she said, "Our elite Illinois troops will show no mercy, take no prisoners and will sink Wisconsin."

The way the Bears did Green Bay, Commander?

Though we use the term "war," we actually mean "peace." We hope that everyone understands that this is just a friendly challenge between the states.



WARRINGTON, FL — Eleven of the 22 members of Warrington REACT who participated in Memorial Day Weekend (1985) safety break Team-sponsored at Florida Welcome Station. Members served coffee and refreshments to more than 3,000 travelers during the three-day break.

Indiana REACT's Break Scores With Motorists

CHRISNEY, IN — Members of Spencer County REACT Team C149 are proud of many achievements but especially of the 144 hours they worked on I-64 just east of U.S. 231 at coffee breaks held over two holidays (Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends). The Team served more than 4,185 persons coffee, tang, ice water and cookies, and received many compliments for their efforts in providing a break from the monotony of long-distance driving.

A Hairy Situation

Jersey REACTers Act to Help Avert Disaster as Tank Trucks Collide

by David J. Rosenthal, Vice President Old Bridge Pacers REACT

LAURENCE HARBOR, NJ — On Wednesday, February 5, 1986 immediately following a regular monthly meeting we found ourselves routinely gathered in our Radio Room at our Headquarters at the former Old Bridge Township Police Headquarters. All was quiet in the monitoring of CB Channel 9, our recently purchased GMRS radios and our three programmable scanners. All was quiet that is until a gasoline tanker truck lost its brakes and crashed into another gasoline tanker truck (from the same Company) with both trucks carrying a full load of 8,200 gallons each! And of course it had to happen in our jurisdiction, just four miles down the road!

Since our Vice President, David Rosenthal, and a number of the Old Bridge P.A.C.E.R.S. REACT Team 4601, has just left enroute to a fast-food restaurant, he immediately detoured to the crash scene upon intercepting several urgent calls for assistance being made by Patrolman Kenneth Popek, the first officer on the scene (investigating officer) of the crash. Popek radioed for extrication equipment, the Fire Department, First Aid Squad and his Supervisor, Sgt. Charles Spinola. Since our monitors at Headquarters had been listening intensely to the scanners, they radioed Rosenthal to verify if he was enroute to the scene. Dave then confirmed that he was and that he would let Thomas Masucci, our President, know if we should be activated, as P.A.C.E.R.S. is an acronym for Police Associated Citizens Emergency Radio Service, an official unit of the Township of Old Bridge Office of Emergency Management (O.E.M.)

Upon arriving at the scene, Rosenthal began estimating the nature and extent of the emergency, i.e.—the probability of a fire or an explosion? Any injuries from the crash and how bad? Was gasoline leaking from either tanker? How could traffic best be detoured? How could our Team best be of help? How many of our members would be needed to assist the Police at whatever location/task they deemed necessary? Would our group have to call a mutual aid response from other REACT Teams, etc.?

Rosenthal then set-up his vehicle as "Fireground Communications" and radioed our president, Masucci, to send as many of our members as possible to the now established Command Post at the scene. Acting quickly, Masucci immediately dispatched all of our members that had attended our February meeting. Responding units were assigned to roadblock US Route 9, a six-lane highway, at eight major intersections, while still enroute to the scene.

Fireground (the Command Post) then radioed Masucci requesting permission to call out for mutual aid since it was felt that additional manpower was needed. Permission being granted, Fireground then put out a mutual aid request to the M.A.P.S.-M.A.R.S. Network through P.A.C.E.R.S. Unit Jerry Allocco. The request for mutual aid went out just thirty-five minutes after the 10:00 pm crash.

P.A.C.E.R.S. Unit Robert Gibson, arriving at 10:37 pm, was the second member of our group on the scene. He was requested to flare-out the middle of the northbound jughandle of Fairway Lane and to direct all traffic from the three lanes of US Route 9 North through a driveway-sized opening in the ramp which empties into the parking lot of a shopping center, directly opposite the crash site.

Tri-County SAR Emergency Communications REACT Team member Kenneth T.J. Nieglos had been listening to his Wilson 16 channel programmable UHF radio come alive with emergency traffic since the action unfolded,

as he routinely scans all of the frequencies belonging to agencies who are members of the M.A.P.S.-M.A.R.S. Network. He then volunteered to stand by as GMRS Base Operations, doing so for seven straight hours, mapping-out road directions for all mutual aid units responding to the scene.

The M.A.P.S.-M.A.R.S. Network units that responded are Robert D. Adler, immediate past President of North Jersey REACT, Troy Burton, Vice President of North Jersey REACT Team 2497 and Robert W. Wartel, Treasurer of Tri-County SAR Emergency Communications REACT Team 2644. We also had the Newark Alert Team responding with two units, but due to car trouble they could not make it. Westchester County REACT was put on a "Stand-By" as they would not arrive for two hours.

As soon as the mutual aid units arrived at the northernmost roadblock, Thomas Masucci advised the Command Post. Since pumping operations were to soon begin and crowd control assistance would be extremely important, Masucci sent all three units to assist in making sure that persons smoking be kept behind a barrier-tape. Masucci was left by himself to control the roadblock. At this point a "Worst Case Scenario" was thought-out: We were looking at the possible evacuation of approximately 10,000 residents from within a ¼ mile radius of the crash scene.

The big shock of the night came shortly afterward: From the northernmost roadblock came a frightful call on the radio that a southbound car, red, had just ran over two flare lines, narrowly missing Masucci. Unknown to this erratic driver, however, there were four REACT units stationed less than a mile down the road: John S. Perhaes, Jr., Roberta Graham, Mark E. Chivers, all P.A.C.E.R.S. and Robert W. Wartel of Tri-County. The subject vehicle was then spotted and after running over two more flare lines finally stopped. When questioned by our units at the third roadblock, the driver was found to be an alleged D.W.I. suspect and immediately detained. Police were called and the alleged D.W.I. suspect was given a motor coordination test, which he failed. He was arrested on the spot by an Old Bridge Police Officer, handcuffed and deposited into the backseat of a patrol car!

While this was going on Anthony Magliocco, manning P.A.C.E.R.S. Headquarters, was monitoring Fireground FM, Fireground AM (CB Channels 7 & 12), Police, Fire and First Aid frequencies.

The REACT units that responded controlled a total of eight major intersections along a 3.5 mile corridor of US Route 9, a six-lane highway, in Old Bridge Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Thirteen REACT personnel from three Teams utilizing nine vehicles with amber lights blocked all six lanes of a major highway for more than nine hours, expending more than one hundred manhours, not including driving time.

Old Bridge P.A.C.E.R.S. REACT Team 4601 thanks all who made an extraordinary effort to help out. Special thanks to Lori Rosenthal, Dave's wife, for making numerous coffee runs and practicing her 50 yard dash chasing several vehicles that attempted to go through a closed gas station to avoid her roadblock. Special thanks also to the Cheesequake Volunteer Fire Co., Ladies Auxiliary for supplying our REACT personnel with hot egg sandwiches at the scene.

Fortunately neither of the two truck drivers was seriously hurt in the accident: One minor contusion to a knee. Disaster could have struck if not for the expert care exercised by all of the responding units at the scene. It was a very hairy situation to say the least!

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