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ABOUT

REACT International, Inc. (*REACT*), consists of Teams of skilled communications volunteers. It is a nonprofit IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization. *REACT* has been monitoring the airwaves since 1962, and since its inception *REACT* volunteers have provided a wide range of radio-related services to the public.

REACT is a network of committed professionals with a desire to assist their communities in times of emergency or disaster. Our members provide their expertise when disasters strike and assist with augmenting local resources with the goal of accelerating relief efforts.

What is the modern REACT all about?

It is amazing to see the various programs and relationships that have developed between *REACT* Teams and their local governments and emergency services. Teams may provide first aid and communications at a multitude of publicly attended events, directly assist local police services with traffic control, provide specialized equipment such as scene lighting, and the list goes on. The interesting thing is that these initiatives come from local Teams recognizing the needs in their communities which, with planning and creative thinking, their organizations can fulfill.

Although *REACT*'s roots are in communications, most successful Teams have gone way beyond this role in their communities. Given the incredible advances in personal communications, successful Teams have honed in on an expanded role to ensure their long term viability in providing a multitude of services. Keep in mind, communication technology is only one of the tools Teams can utilize to solidify their position within their communities.

So what is modern REACT all about?

Modern *REACT* is about the future. We can only imagine the incredible technologies that will be available for *REACT* Teams to use in the next few years.

Are you prepared to recognize new and exciting opportunities as they present themselves? What ideas can you bring to the table to be a modern *REACT* Team?

To recognize modern *REACT* is to recognize that *the future starts today, with you and your Team.*

Partners



ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organizational Structure

REACT International is governed by a Board of Directors and officers who are comprised of members from Teams that are chartered with *REACT* International. Directors are members from Teams within the region of the world that they represent are elected by the Teams in their specific regions.

Nine elected Directors comprise the Board of Directors. Eight are from areas of the United States that are divided into regions, and one is from outside the United States.

The current geographical regions for *REACT* International are as follows:

Region 1 – Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

Region 2 – District of Columbia, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia

Region 3 – Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina

Region 4 – Indiana, Michigan, Ohio

Region 5 – Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin

Region 6 – Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Wyoming

Region 7 – Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

Region 8 – Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah

Region 9 – All areas outside the United States or its territories

The officers of *REACT* International are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the organization. The four primary officers of the organization are:

- President
- Executive Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Other officers, such as special positions and assistants, may be appointed by the president from time to time as the needs of the organization dictate.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All members of the Board of Directors of *REACT* International, Inc., are members of a local *REACT* Team in their respective regions and all volunteer time to fulfill the duties of their respective positions. The positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board are elected annually by vote of the Directors in office. The president is an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Directors. All Directors are elected by Teams in their respective regions every three (3) years. A candidate for a Director position must be a member of a Team in the region that they wish to serve and must have been a member for three years or more.

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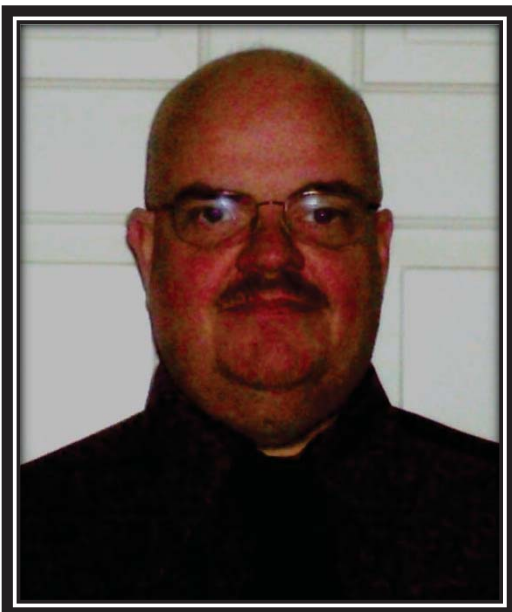
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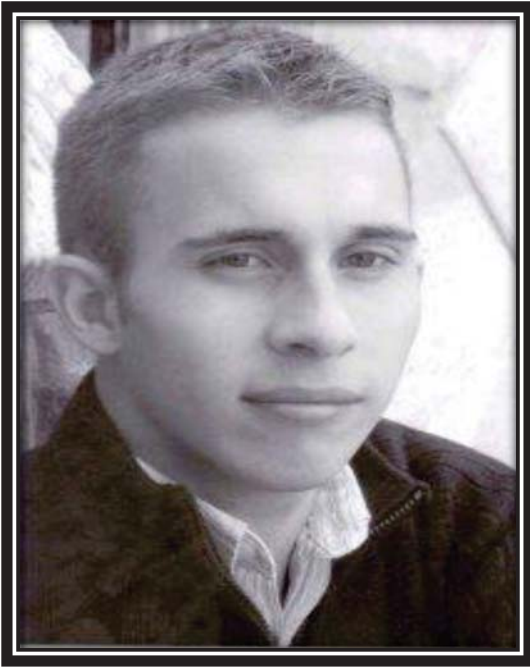
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Board of Directors meetings are open to all *REACT* members and can be attended at any time. Most meetings are held via teleconference and start at 9 p.m. Eastern Time, so if you are in another time zone, please plan accordingly. Upcoming meetings are always shown on the web site calendar.

You have several options in which to join the teleconference:

1. By Telephone

Call 760-569-7676, at the tone please enter the passcode 822429#.

2. VIA Skype for Business

Add FreeConferenceCallHD 605697676 to your Skype for Business Contacts and then connect to the teleconference. Use passcode 822429#.

When calling the conference, first select the contact and click the green 'Call' button. A new screen will be displayed signifying that the call is taking place. Locate and click the keypad at the bottom of the screen. After the call is connected, wait for the prompt to enter your access code using the Skype keypad followed by the pound (#) key. All callers join muted. To unmute/mute your line, press star plus 6 (*6).

OFFICERS

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COMMITTEES

At the Annual Meeting of the *REACT* International Board of Directors, members who have proven their knowledge and skills in specific areas of *REACT* work are nominated by their peers and approved by the Board of Directors to become committee chairpersons.

The committees are responsible for establishing and maintaining the orderly flow of *REACT* business within their specialties. For more information, contact the committee chair directly at the e-mail address that appears on the respective committee page on the web site.

While committee chairpersons cannot establish *REACT* policy, they certainly can influence policy through responsible actions.

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR COMMITTEES

Many of the items mentioned below are already in practice and may be common sense but they need to be available so that everyone can review them on a regular basis.

1. All committee and liaison efforts shall focus on *REACT*'s Mission Statement: "The Mission of *REACT* International is to provide public safety communications to individuals, organizations, and government agencies to save lives, prevent injuries, and give assistance wherever and whenever needed. We will strive to establish a monitoring network of trained volunteer citizen-based communicators using any and all means to deliver the message."
2. Coordinate projects and efforts with various committees and liaisons, when appropriate, to avoid duplication of effort and to maximize results.
3. Inform the executive vice president of progress on various committee and liaison projects and opportunities, especially when representing *REACT* International.
4. Write frequent informational articles for the *REACT*er to keep the membership informed of committee and liaison actions and their impact upon the membership.
5. Committees and liaisons will be responsible for all details necessary for project proposal and submittal for action as required. Respective committees and liaisons may be responsible for implementation of projects after project approval, if required. Committees and liaisons may also be responsible to promote their projects to various group(s) for implementation when necessary.
6. Committee and liaison email communications should be carefully directed, specifically regarding the *REACT*-List and other public venues. Many times it is not necessary, and may create premature and unwanted discussion regarding certain topics, if discussion among committee members is sent via a list. These lists are good venues to distribute information about completed projects. This suggested procedure isn't secrecy, it is the efficient use of email communications in the operation of your particular group.
7. Committees and liaisons are asked to monitor the *REACT*-List and similar discussion groups for ideas concerning particular projects and the thoughts of various *REACT* members.
8. All committee chairpersons and liaisons shall submit reports each year to the Board of Directors, 30 days prior to their annual meeting (normally February).. Reports should include various activities since the last report and request for Board of Directors' action, if any. Proper support for such action must also be submitted.
9. Be active year round.

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Finance

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Committee Chairman: Russ Dunn (Idaho)

Committee Members:

The Finance Committee, as required by the Bylaws, consists of the treasurer and two Directors, with the treasurer serving as chairperson. It is the duty of the Finance Committee to provide rules and procedures for the authorization of expenditures and the approval of vouchers for the payment of money, and prior to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, to review and recommend a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. All expenditures, payments of money, and financial obligations of the corporation are subject to the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee.

Membership

Committee Contact email: Membership@REACTIntl.org

Committee Chairman: Warren Dietz (N.Y.)

Committee Members: John Capodanno (Calif.), Roy Drury (Fla.), Thomas Jenkins (Idaho)

The Membership Committee is established by the Bylaws, and consists of four elected Directors, plus any additional qualified persons chosen by the Board of Directors to serve on the committee when the Board deems appropriate. This committee shall review *REACT* International membership-related matters as needed and always when denial or revocation of membership is considered. This committee shall have full investigative authority, in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board of Directors, and involving *REACT* Teams or councils. This committee reports to the Board of Directors their investigative findings and makes a recommendation to the Board of Directors for action.

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Committee Chairman: Matthew Vizzuso (Ohio)

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Committee Chairman: Stan Walters (Penn.)

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The Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee is a corporate committee formed by the President and is responsible for the following duties:

- Examine and Interpret *REACT* International, Inc. Bylaws, as well as established policies and procedures
- Recommend Bylaws as well as policy and procedure changes to the Board of Directors
- Draft any Bylaws or policy and procedure changes recommended by the Board of Directors
- Where requested, advise how *REACT* International, Inc., Bylaws relate to Team and council bylaws
- Monitor *REACT* International, Inc., meetings for adherence to legally established rules and regulations of the corporation

MEMBERSHIP REWARDS

When you become a member of *REACT* International, Inc., you receive several benefits, including:

- \$1 Million General Liability insurance coverage
- Access to *The REACTer*, a periodical for you the membership
- Free training
- Access to exclusive *REACTer* merchandise
- Membership Rewards Program

The officers and Directors of *REACT* International, Inc., realize that in the current economic climate, the members are looking for a better value for their hard-earned dollar.

REACT International is pleased to announce expanded membership benefits available to all classes of members. These expanded benefits are called Membership Rewards and include discounts on car rentals, travel, hotels, dining, and many other items that you the member may use in your daily activities, whether or not you use them for *REACT* activities. *REACT* has partnered with some of the largest providers to bring you the best value for your membership dollars. Our partners include:

- Alamo
- Corporate Perks
- Hertz
- Tickets at Work
- Working Advantage
- And many others . . .

Check the Membership section of the *REACT* International web site often, as the Membership Rewards program is growing every day. Each program will have its own page with information pertaining to what the specific program is all about and what you have to do to take advantage of the specific program. Remember that each member must take advantage of these programs to receive the added benefits.

Please note that you have to have a REACTIntl.net account and be logged in to see the Membership Rewards programs that are available. Remember that each program may have specific instructions on how to access the rewards.

For any questions about the Membership Rewards program, contact your regional Director or *REACT* International headquarters.

Visit this link for more information: <http://REACTIntl.net/membership-rewards>

BYLAWS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

BYLAWS

REACT International, Inc. – Bylaws

http://REACTintl.org/download/BYLAWS/bylaws/RI_Bylaws_2014_v6_4_1_final.pdf

POLICIES

Ethics Policy

NIMS Policy

Privacy Policy

Sexual Harassment Policy

Policy 1-02 Compliance with Internal Revenue Service Requirements

Policy 3-01 Membership, Dues and Renewals

Policy 3-02 Charter of New Teams

Policy 3-04 *REACT* Team Councils

Policy 3-05 Inter-Team Conflicts

Policy 4-01 Convention Site Locations

Policy 5-01 Duties of Directors Elected to Represent Regions

Policy 5-02 Regional Election of Directors

Policy 6-01 Resolution of complaints with *REACT* International

Policy 6-02 Releasing Documents

Policy 7-02 Committees

Policy 9-01 Expenses of *REACT* International Officers, Directors and Staff

Policy 9-03 National Projects Teams or Councils Desire to Undertake

Policy 9-04 *REACT* Mailing Lists

Policy 9-10 *REACT* International Trademarks

You may find all these policies here:

http://REACTintl.org/file-downloads/BYLAWS/general_policies/#wpfb-cat-7

REACT TRAINING

The Training Committee has formulated a survey to assist with improving training for all *REACT* Members. Please take a moment to complete this valuable survey for the Committee. Please only complete this survey once.

The survey can be accessed here: <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/yqCKPr>

Thank you, Paul Bowling W4ATN, Training Committee Chairman

- The *REACT* EComm Course is free to take, but a small fee applies if you wish to take the exam and obtain a certificate of successful completion. We urge all *REACT* members to use this as a part of their Team's regular training.
- ARRL courses require an upfront fee to take the course.
- FCC courses are at no charge.
- FEMA / EMI courses training is available at no charge., Completion of some of these courses may be a requirement in your region (by FEMA or other governmental agency controlled disaster area) before allowing you to respond as an official volunteer.
- National Weather Service – Skywarn training is available at no charge. Classes are coordinated by your local National Weather Service Office.
- The Ham Radio Study Guide is a free document to study, but the actual exam test by your local certified Team of Volunteer Examiners (called a VE Team) will have a fee applicable. Typical test fee is around \$14 per test session. If you study ahead, you can take the Technician, General, and Extra exams in the same session for the one fee, but if you need to retake one of the exams after failing it, you will have to pay a second fee in order to take it a second time.

All of these training opportunities can be found here:

<http://training.REACTintl.org/>

RECAP OF PAST NEWS



REACT launches new logo

At the 2015 annual board meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 26th, 2015, the directors selected a new primary logo to represent *REACT* International. *REACT* members greatly hope that this new look will appeal to the younger generation of potential members, which will ensure *REACT*'s existence well into the future.

REACT International to Rejoin NVOAD

At the recent Board of Directors meeting, a proposal was brought forward for *REACT* International to re-join National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD). NVOAD's four core principles are Cooperation, Communication, Coordination, and Collaboration.



**National
Voluntary Organizations
Active in Disaster**

COOPERATION | COMMUNICATION | COORDINATION | COLLABORATION

REACT International Launches New Web Presence

REACT International launched its newly re-designed web presence. It was hosted at SoftLayer Technologies in Dallas, Tex. *REACT* International has employed WordPress Multisite Technology to make the site easier to maintain for its all-volunteer staff. Additionally, this new site uses CiviCRM to manage donations as well as standalone affiliate memberships allowing for the first time for *REACT* to accept and process new affiliate memberships completely online.



CATCHING UP

FLAGLER COUNTY ASSIST *REACT*

JULY 4, 2015



Flagler Beach, Florida Flagler County Assist *REACT* has worked the Flagler Beach 4th of July since the 1980's and provided assistance once again in 2015. Flagler Beach, a small seaside town along the east coast of Florida, has a small police department and does not have the resources to deal with such a large event as the "Fabulous Fourth" that has been going on every 4th of July as long as anyone can remember.

In the past only locals attended. However, with Florida's and Flagler County's booming populations the small town of about 5,000 residents is now drowned in a sea of 15,000 to 20,000 visitors for the 4th of July parade and fireworks.

REACT members were also involved in the planning process which started in April of this year. This is not an event you jump into, you have to plan for it. The Flagler County Public Safety Emergency Management director leads the planning effort that involves all agencies that will be working the 4th of July, including other law enforcement and emergency services agencies. Flagler County Assist *REACT* members play a small but critical role in the event operation.

Note from Flagler County Emergency Manager

The mission of Flagler County Assist *REACT* in this instance is to provide support to law enforcement and public safety operations, primarily with traffic and pedestrian control. However, Flagler County Assist *REACT* broadened its communications reach by using social media platforms to help spread the word to the public about how traffic and parking will be during the large event. The Team believes that communications is important and since some of the local governments are not quite up and running on social media yet, Flagler County Assist *REACT* provided live traffic updates during the event as well as posting suggested routes and parking on the days leading up to it. Communications in the modern day does not always mean it is by radio.

REACT members provided traffic control assistance during the morning parade and again during the aftermath of the fireworks as some members assisted law enforcement by monitoring "google traffic" and relaying trouble spots to traffic coordinators. One member was on a bicycle and was dispatched to help clear up trouble spots as they developed during the outbound traffic flow. Traffic is challenging as there are only three ways out of the small town and several cross streets cause considerable congestion.

By 11:30 p.m. *REACT* members were demobilizing after the last of the traffic was out of town, another successful event in the books. But it's not done yet. Members conducted a thorough debriefing session a week later and shared their information with emergency management to take into consideration for next year. Even though the event was smooth there were small issues that come up, which are identified and learned from for the next event. *Submitted by Bob Pickering*



NIGHT RUN FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS – CLEVELAND COUNTY

October 24, 2015



Special Olympics

When Team Chief Jay Flora received a phone call from Cleveland County, N.C., Deputy Sheriff Howell asking if Cleveland County *REACT* could assist with a night run for the Special Olympics, he quickly accepted. The night run will be on October 24 at 7:00 p.m. The Deputy asked the *REACT* Team to assist with traffic control and to block roads.

The Shelby police recommended Cleveland County *REACT* when the Sheriff's office called looking for assistance. This is the first time in a long while that the county has called on Cleveland County *REACT* which focuses mostly on the city of Shelby. *Submitted by Jay Flora WA4JAY, KBUO6508*

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ASSISTANCE

August 4, 2015

On August 4, 2015, Chief Jay Flora WA4JAY Unit R-1 and Sam Richardson WA4BPW Unit R-5 of Cleveland County *REACT*, Shelby, N.C., had a booth set up next to the Shelby police booth for National Night Out from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We definitely had a lot of fun handing out candy to the kids

and also distributed information about *REACT* and what we do.

The Shelby police chief, officers, fire chief and firefighters and the Cleveland County sheriff thanked us for setting up a booth. They also were kind enough to thank us for all the hard work we put in to help others in the time of emergencies. We work very closely with our police, fire, and sheriff departments and also the NCSHP. *Submitted by Jay Flora WA4JAY, KBUO-6508*



National Night Out Quick Info

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Together, we are making that happen.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Neighborhoods across the nation host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, and exhibits.

<https://natw.org/about>



BUSY SUMMER IN SHELBY, N.C.

August 8, 2015

Cleveland County *REACT* assisted at the Kellie Pickler concert from 7:30-11 p.m. Jay Flora and Sam Richardson worked foot patrol at the concert and assisted in a search for three missing children. They were found about an hour later, safe at home. Seems they walked home but forgot to tell Mom!

Unfortunately, they did not get to meet Kellie as they were busy with foot patrol and had some intoxicated people to deal with. Other than that, the concert went well. They met some nice people and found that quite a few of them were from out of town and came just to see Kellie Pickler. They asked what *REACT* was.

After the concert ended at 10:15 p.m., they helped with traffic control. The police chief thanked the Team for helping. Cleveland County *REACT* will help Shelby police with parking cars at the Cleveland County fair in October and with traffic control at the Shelby Christmas parade.

August 17, 2015

At 8:10 p.m., Chief Jay Flora went to help Shelby police with traffic control at a commercial fire at 213 South Lafayette Street at the Newgrass Brewing Company. He was directed to close down Lafayette Street at West Warren Street. Shelby police had Lafayette Street closed down at other intersections. He parked his Cleveland County *REACT* patrol car to block traffic, warning oncoming traffic of a problem with the LED light bar.

After the fire was out and all the fire units had left, fire, EMS, and police thanked Jay for coming out and working for more than three hours. The fire was worked by units from all three Shelby County fire stations, the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department, the Fire Marshal chaplain, one Shelby city police, Shelby power utilities, and Cleveland County *REACT* unit R-1. (Photograph above by Jay Flora)

August 22, 2015

On August 22, Chief Jay Flora was dispatched to assist Shelby police with traffic control at an accident involving a big U-Haul truck. The U-Haul hit two vehicles and then a tree, causing a fire in the engine compartment.

Jay was tasked by Shelby police to take over the road block and traffic control to free up the officer. The accident happened on East Marion St. at Lineberger St. Jay detoured traffic through downtown. Shelby police thanked Jay and said they knew they can count on him and his *REACT* Team in times of emergencies like this.

Cleveland County *REACT* members have been invited to the City of Shelby police Christmas party in December. *Submitted by: Jay Flora, Shelby County REACT Unit R-1*

CLEVELAND COUNTY *REACT* IN THE NEWS!

One killed, two injured in 4-vehicle crash in Shelby Oct. 26, 2015

By WBTV Web Staff



SHELBY, N.C. (WBTV)

One person was killed and two others injured in a vehicle crash in Shelby Monday.

The accident happened around 6:15 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 74 and Polkville Road.

Officials said the accident involved four vehicles with a total of six people. One car traveling on Highway 74 went across the median and struck three other vehicles. The person killed in the accident was not in the car that crossed the median. Police have not said what may have led the vehicle to cross the median.

Officers said one person was killed in the wreck. Two others were taken to an area hospital, but officers did not have details about their condition.

Crews from the Shelby Police Department, Shelby Fire Department, Cleveland County EMS, Cleveland County *REACT*, and Shelby Rescue all responded to the scene of the accident.

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Report from Jay: I was out from 6:30-10:22 p.m. and Sam Richardson *REACT* 5 was there from 7:30 p.m.-1:00 a.m. helping Shelby police close down Highway 74 west bound in front of Ingles at Polkville Rd to do a four-vehicle accident with injuries and one DOA. *Submitted by Jay Flora WA4JAY, KBUO6508, WQSJ-975*

REACT International's Highest Award

EUGENE S. GOEBEL AWARD – ROBERT “Bob” KASTER

OCTOBER 11, 2015



In recognition of your selfless contributions of time, skills, and efforts in establishing and supporting the *REACT* program in Central Oklahoma for more than 31 years. Your dedicated volunteer service as President of *REACT* 2620 and Region 7 Director has greatly benefited Public Safety in Central Oklahoma and the Teams and members in *REACT* and therefore made you worthy of *REACT* International's highest commendation.



L-R:

McDonnell (2620), Jerry Jones (Region 7), Edward Hagstrom (3916), Harry Goodman (2620), Jim Clanin (2620), Chris Adams (2620), Bob Kaster (2620), Kevin Bunde (2620), Dale Ellis (2620), Paul Deaver (2620), John Yingling (2620), Charlie Land (4804), Shirley Kitch (3916), Gayland Kitch (3916)

Cody

Robert Kaster of Oklahoma County *REACT* Awarded Goebel Award by Charles Land

On October 11, 2015, in a ceremony at the Moore, Oklahoma, Emergency Operations Center, *REACT* International's highest award was given to Robert L. Kaster. Present were members of his Team, Oklahoma County Emergency *REACT* 2620 (OCR); members of University of Oklahoma *REACT* 3916 (UOR); Jerry Jones, Dallas County *REACT* C-622 and Region 7 Director; Charles Land, Hill Country *REACT* and Travis County *REACT* and former Region 7 director; and Major Wade Gourley, Oklahoma City Police Department, along with Bob's daughter, granddaughter and husband, and one of Bob's great grandsons.

Eugene S. Goebel was a member of RI's Board of Directors from 1975 until his death in 1984. At the 1984 convention, the Goebel Memorial Award was initiated in his memory. This is *REACT*'s highest award and is given to recognize *REACT* members who give outstanding service to the organization.

Bob pointed out that he is approaching his 23rd birthday – he is a leap year baby. Now there is some arithmetic! In his acceptance speech, Bob, in his usual humble manner, said that the award really was for the Team, that without them he would not have accomplished anything.

Bob said that his plan for the future was to “keep on keeping on, and continue doing what he has done in the past.”

Bob has been a member of Oklahoma County Emergency *REACT* for more than 31 years, and has served on the Team’s Board of Directors, as president, and as chairman. He also served as a member of *REACT* International’s Board of Directors. He has served as a liaison between a long list of nonprofit organizations and the local police departments helping to coordinate safety and communications for many special events, including telethons, walks/runs, parades, celebratory events, statewide escort duties for the Olympic Torch Run and the 9/11 Bike Across America events. He is currently working as a civilian employee of the Oklahoma City PD coordinating and administering the department’s Ambassador Program in the downtown and Bricktown areas of Oklahoma City.

OCR and UOR are two amazing Teams who have many members who work day jobs in emergency management, firefighting, police, and other public service jobs and then volunteer their time with their *REACT* Team to support public events and emergencies. This explains the Teams’ extraordinary relationship with police and other municipal departments. The Oklahoma City area has had far more than its share of emergencies, with the Murrah Building bombing, and three (3) tornadoes that ripped through the small, but densely populated city of Moore in the last 16 years, causing deaths and a lot of destruction. Tornadoes are such a threat in this area that the Emergency Operations Center has an observation deck on top to facilitate storm watching over the surrounding flat terrain.



CONGRATULATIONS ROBERT KASTER! WELL DONE!

ARRL – SOUTH TEXAS - DISTRICT 7 HAM COUNCIL

By Roger Wines W5WIA, Travis County (Texas) REACT

District 7 ADEC, ARRL PIO

Travis County *REACT*, Inc., 3022 is small in member numbers, but active in support.

What does it do?

There are monthly meetings where there is discussion about the usual things, like reports of the past month, plans for the upcoming months, a treasurer's report, and trying to schedule additional upcoming activities. With a large inventory of commercial band radios, there is support for activities around the area at various venues with their events. This is a way in which to financially support the on-going operational needs.

Two things of importance – one is the need for additional members so more can be accomplished. The other is the participation with the other amateur radio operators of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) South Texas District 7. Over the past year, a group of fellow hams have joined together regularly in monthly meetings to develop a coordinated effort of working together. This group is not another organized club, but simply a gathering of the hams across the district to function much like VOAD does. This will eventually become the 'one-stop point' to acquire communications for an event. With it will also be the other members of the organizations from which they come. The total count of other organizations that have a number of hams amongst their memberships is yet to be known, but in our county alone, there are easily at least twenty such groups. These hams can communicate with each other within their respective organizations, but there is no coordination when all the groups are in the field in an actual event. Not everyone has the same minimum level of training, nor do they exercise in practical operations to discover how to interact and be a viable source when needed.

Monthly meetings are held to discuss how to train to the same levels of understanding, and to also have exercises to demonstrate the abilities of communicating in time of need when we will all have to communicate with one-another, to the field command center, and to others of need.

New ideas and plans take a while to be a viable source when developing new ways to move to new levels of *REACTing* to events.

There are now six of the eight counties with Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) represented, along with a half dozen organizations with ham component that are at the table monthly.

Because of the long distances representatives need to travel to the monthly meetings, it was decided to update the attendance potential by having a teleconferencing type meeting so those in the central area that are able to attend in person can, and those in the far reaching counties can also attend. In addition, those representatives speaking for their organizations can also have, in their location, those that would also like to attend to hear the

discussions firsthand. This is a new step in the direction of bringing everyone to the table on a regular basis, and in the future, video will be when needed for presentations to the group.

Each participating organization is asked to host a training along with a practical exercise (or table top) each year. This has been slow in developing, but there have been no less than four Technician level classes, a General level class, and an ARRL EMCOMM 101 course held. In addition, the gathering of the information regarding storms has recently been updated with a lot of effort from NOAA, local media, the responders, and more. Being in 'flood-plain alley' weather is the one incident most likely to occur frequently.

There are some developing exercise plans, along with incorporating those that want to play in upcoming events – a hospital drill, and others on the calendar.

Actions are in process to re-connect with all the first responding agencies to make it known that we are able and ready to respond to their needs.

There is need for a lot of continuing education that can be made. The future is bright for this group of dedicated hams, and it is the future for us all to be interactively supportive of one another.



PAN-AM GAMES EVENT – TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, JULY 2015

By Alex Quiroz VE3GS, Don Valley REACT



This summer was a very special time for the Don Valley *REACT* Team in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, as the Pam-Am Games came to this part of North America!

The Don Valley *REACT* Team is quite busy during the year as the Team takes part in a number of community runs, car shows and general community events in the spring, summer and fall and Parades in the winter months.

Since last summer the Team was in need of new radio equipment as the fleet of mobile radios and portables radios was more than 20 years old, a combination of Motorola SM20, GM-300, Spectra Mobiles, and Uniden SPU-48K portable radios and some Bendix King, All were in the VHF band, batteries were getting more difficult to get and were worth more than the radio equipment itself. They were big and heavy by today's standards.

The Team wanted new equipment but there were some requirements for the new radios:

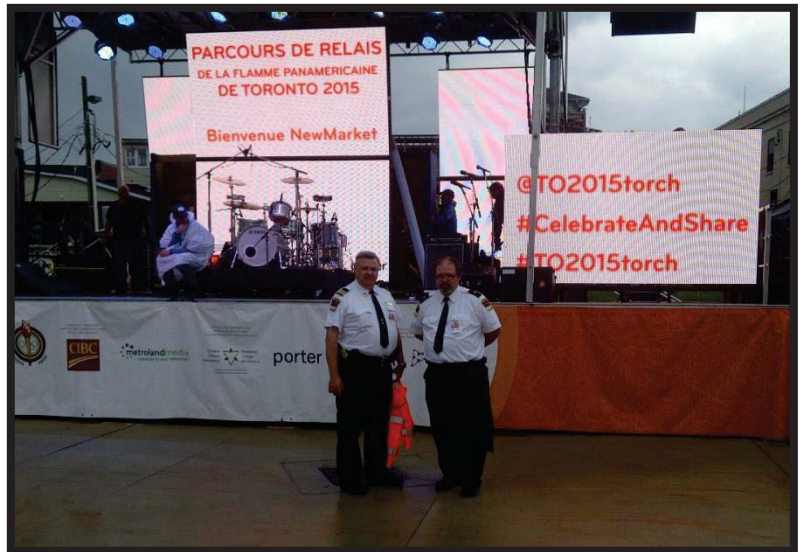
1. Lithium Ion batteries
2. Long operating time in a single charge
3. Type approval
4. Field programmable
5. Full band 138 MHz to 174 MHz
6. Full alphanumeric
7. Availability of audio accessories and external devices
8. Affordable for the Don Valley *REACT* Team
9. More than 70 channel capacity
10. Rain and snow resistant
11. Heavy duty construction

After checking all the major brands like Motorola, Icom, Kenwood, Vertex, Tait, none of these brands allow for field programming and price was a problem!

Finally, the Team learned that HYTERA, the second largest manufacturer of radios in the world, has a portable radio that will do what the Team needs, the Hytera TC-580 VHF radio, and found that that all Motorola audio accessories for the CP-200 series radios and legacy line of radios will fit and work with the Hytera TC-580. The Team ordered 10 units with a local radio dealer that supports our work and gives special pricing for nonprofit organizations.

This has proved to be a great decision and the new radios have been used since winter 2014 in preparation for the Pan-Am games events.

The Team was also able to buy 10 Motorola CDM-1250 high power mobile radios. These radios were a great choice as many new cars do not have space to install a radio on the dash and we needed a remote mount radio with full display and great channel capacity with the flexibility of changing tones and call groups on the fly.



All this radio equipment was in place and in use by the beginning of 2015. In case some bugs were found we had time to work them out for the very special summer events with the Pan-Am Games.

All of this equipment allows us to have much better audio quality and range for the events the Team assists with during the year since sometimes we use simplex and sometimes we use a VHF repeater with regional coverage in Toronto and north of Toronto.

Our Team attended many town meetings with different officials in order to coordinate efforts and resources. the Team has a very good working relationship with the towns of New Market, Aurora, Rich Mont Hill, and Vaughan, and with York Regional police.

The torch relay was to go all around Canada including many cities in Ontario and especially in southern Ontario. For the torch relay in New Market, Ontario, we had to coordinate with other officials as the Ontario Provincial police and Pan-Am Games officials were in charge of the escort for the torch relay.

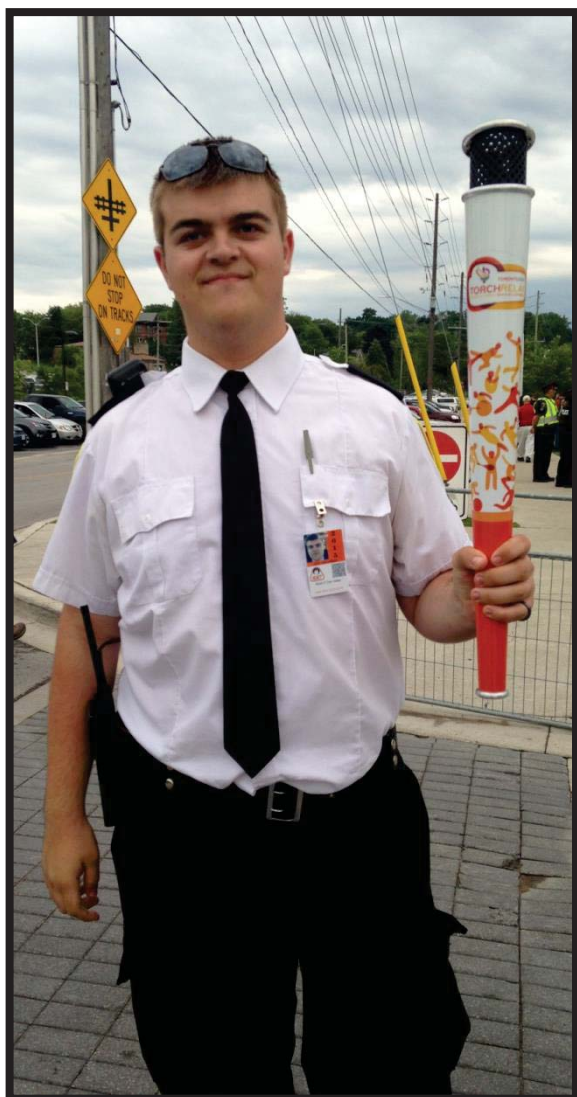


The Team was in charge of crowd control, medical support, and VIP escorts. The day was a very nice summer day with a great temperature. The crowd was large and the town had a stage set up. The anticipation mounted as the news of the runner with the Game's torch was approaching the city center, and it was a great moment to display the great Team we have in Toronto. The event lasted the whole day with music, dancing, and speeches. This was a great time for all who attended this event.

During all events, our *REACT* Team gives some of the organizers portable radios. Thus they can communicate with us quickly as well as with the private security companies which are used in some of the events and for use with their own internal radio nets.

The Team is looking into getting a mobile portable radio repeater which would allow us in some cases to get coverage of five or seven kilometers around the event. In many cases, the terrain is hilly and does not allow for good simplex communication and the coverage from the regional repeater is not great for the portable radios. From the mobile radios we receive great coverage but from the portables, we received about 80% coverage.

The Team looks forward to continuing to improve in the service, equipment, and procedures needed to assist during the many events in our communities.



NEW OFFICERS OF *REACT* TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO COUNCIL

JULY 19, 2015

REACT Trinidad and Tobago Council successfully held its Biennial General Meeting and Council Elections on July 19, 2015. See below for the new *REACT*TT Council Officers for the 2015–2017 term.



L-R: Assistant Secretary, Vishnu Lalchansingh R544; Public Relations Officer, Angela O'joe R318; Protocol Officer George Butcher R207; Assistant Secretary Vishnu Lalchansingh R544; President Rohan Rampersad R511; Vice President Paula Granado R266; Secretary (Outgoing President) Lester Wilson R201; Treasurer Gary Dookeran R947

Submitted by Kenny Jagdeosingh HBM, REACT 103, Team 2496, Asst. Director Region 9

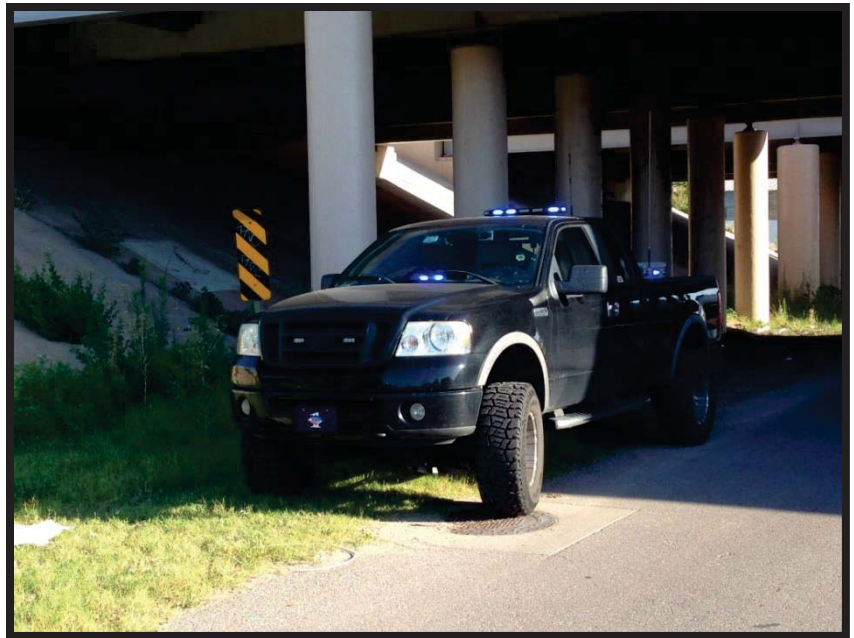
PRESIDENT OBAMA – MOTORCADE ROUTE

OKLAHOMA CITY JULY 14, 2015

By Cody McDonell WQV1986, Oklahoma County REACT Secretary

Oklahoma County REACT 2620 was asked to assist in securing the motorcade route for President Obama when he stayed in Oklahoma City last month.

The quiet evening of July 14 was broken with a soft "ding" from the iPhone sitting on the nightstand. After deleting a few junk emails I found the one that had made the noise -- it was from REACT 2620 President, Jon Yingling: "We need members for a special assignment. OCPD asked if we could help secure the motorcade for President Obama on Thursday."



Because of the short notice and the time of day, not many of our members were able to come out. We met at the downtown briefing station where we were handed a packet of papers. In it, the details of the protection plan. President Obama was in town for an historic visit, the first time a sitting president has visited a federal prison. The plan: be in place and ready to lock it down by 9 a.m.

After getting our assignments from the OCPD lieutenant, we headed out. Once we got to our posts, we began checking the area for suspicious items and people. Right away, I heard one of our crew, Edward Hagstrom, call out on our radio, "890 to 174, I've got a camping tent that has been set up under the bridge." Apparently the Secret Service had decided to take the president down Sheridan, a street that has its share of homeless camps along and underneath the route. We checked the tent, found it unoccupied. After calling for an officer to come out and make sure everything was good to go, we noticed some homeless people sleeping under the bridge. We were told they had to go, at least until the motorcade passed by.

Nine a.m. came quickly. We had all secured our positions, had our vehicles sniffed by bomb dogs, and were ready to shut it down. Then the call came "all OCPD strike Teams, lock it down." No traffic was allowed on Sheridan, no pedestrians allowed on the curbs. Not even emergency traffic was allowed down or across the street. It was go time.

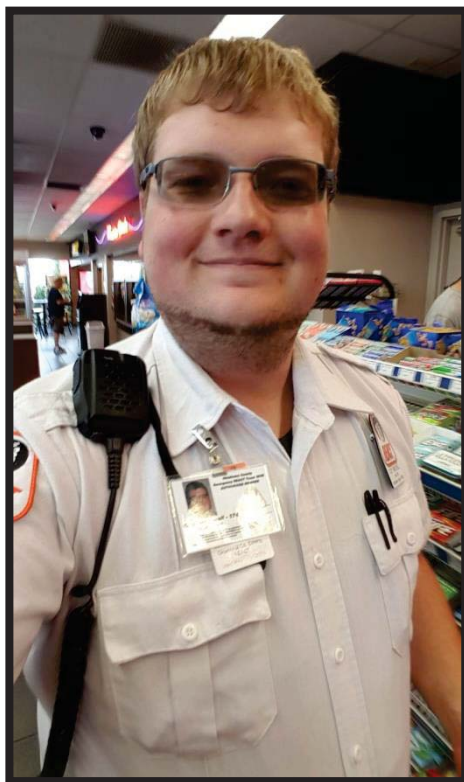
About 30 minutes later, after several unmarked vehicles came speeding by, we heard "POTUS is moving" over the 800 MHz radio. A quick glance down the street showed a pack of police motorcycles headed our way. The low rumble of their engines, mixed with the cheering from the crowd broke the morning silence.

Then we saw it, the tell-tale unmarked SUV with the back hatch open, followed by two rather large limos decked out with American flags on the front. The first limo made the turn onto the expressway by my position, some unknown staffer sitting in the back seat. Then the second limo came by and I spotted the president. He was looking around as they were passing by. With my hands behind my back I nodded to him, his hand came up in a brief wave as they made the turn. Immediately following President Obama's limo was a large black SUV with the windows down. Inside were heavily armed and armored men with stern looks on their faces. After the black SUVs passed by, a black ambulance followed, and then a regular ambulance came by, followed by the press and other random vehicles.

In all, we were on post for about two hours. They kept the road locked down for a while after the motorcade passed by. After leaving the Oklahoma City area the motorcade moved down the highway with a rolling roadblock all the way to El Reno.

All in all, it was a successful day for *REACT* -- no injuries, no incidents, nothing major to report.

This event was supported by Cody McDonell (Secretary), Lois Spencer (Treasurer), and Edward Hagstrom (University of Oklahoma *REACT*).



Cody McDonell



Lois Spencer



Edward Hagstrom



In Loving Memory

Christene F. "Chris" White



September 2, 1932



September 11, 2015

OBITUARY

She was born on September 2, 1932 in Wewoka, Oklahoma to Ernest Whitlock and Murtis Selena (Elkins) Whitlock. She spent her early years in Wewoka, later moving to Oklahoma City where she graduated from high school. Chris married Virgil L. White on June 5, 1953 in Norman, Oklahoma. She volunteered in various hospitals as part of their auxiliaries during her husband's military career and thereafter also. She was the National President and International President of the R. E. A. C. T. Organization. They moved to Tishomingo in 1993 and Chris served on the City Planning and Zoning Committee and the Board of Adjustment. She was well known in Tishomingo as the "greeter" at the Blue River Ribs restaurant, where she could be seen most every evening at her special table.

Chris was preceded in death by her parents, her husband on August 30, 1997 and two brothers, Wayne Whitlock and his wife Lorene and Vernon Whitlock, also, a nephew, Darrell Whitlock

She is survived by her daughter, Darlene Thomas and husband Paul of Tishomingo, her granddaughter, Jennifer Thomas of Ada, Oklahoma, nieces and nephews to include, Linda and Larry Mazzoni of Tishomingo, Johnny and Teri Whitlock, also of Tishomingo, numerous great nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Attendees:

Ron Mayes, LM from Kansas with his wife

Wally Smith, LM from Texas with his wife, Karen Smith, former editor of the Southern California *REACT* Council newsletter during Chris White's So-Cal presidency

Christene White was President of the Southern California *REACT* council for many years.

REACT sincerely wishes her family and friends the best and may Chris rest in peace.



What has *REACT* Done for Me Lately?

By Stanton L Walters, York County *REACT* #6123

On occasion I read or hear a *REACT*er asking

"Why should I keep doing this, what has *REACT* done for me"

Or they might make the statement

"*REACT* hasn't done anything for me in five years, I am wasting my time and I have better things to do."

This is unfortunate because we hate to lose members who for whatever reason feel they are not engaged by the organization. But then again, maybe we should all be asking ourselves; "What am I doing in *REACT*?"

If you are looking for an organization that sends out free stuff in the mail, you may have come to the wrong place. If you are looking for an organization that waters your lawn, texts the weather to your phone, or promises to protect your identity, well, you may have come to the wrong place. You see, *REACT* is a place for giving, not getting.

Everyday around the globe, *REACT*ers are busy giving to their communities. And what they give is service, a hand up, a morale boost, a sense of safety and pride. Whether assisting first responders, working with partner agencies, acting as weather spotters, or helping at a community event, *REACT*ers bring order to chaos and calm to troubled communities. So, if you are interested in giving these things to your community, then you have come to the right place, welcome to *REACT*!

REACT International, Inc., is basically an umbrella corporation which brings all the Teams in under one roof. There is an elected Board of Directors to set policies for overall guidance and officers to run and maintain the corporation. Not a single one of these folks receives compensation for what they do. The corporation's Bylaws give Teams a great deal of flexibility within the scope of *REACT*'s mission and vision. The corporation provides some basic material, patches, training ideas and recommendations, membership cards, programs to improve Team membership and capabilities, and an electronic magazine called "the *REACT*er." Most importantly for many Teams, the corporation provides IRC §501 (c)(3) nonprofit status. But the real benefits are yet to come.

The rubber really meets the road at the individual Team level. This is where the greatest opportunity for giving occurs. And it's where the benefits are the greatest. Without Teams and the communication-based activities they engage in, there would be no need for *REACT* the corporation. Maybe your Team supports a local or regional Search & Rescue Team with a portable repeater, a local or county Emergency Management Agency with a communications trailer, or community event organizers with cones and parking lot attendants. Whatever you do, you get the satisfaction of helping to make your community a safer place. You and your Team make a difference in the lives of friends and neighbors every time you wear your *REACT* uniform. You cannot get that feeling by paying dues, you have to participate!

Well, I know why I joined *REACT*, how about you? I am working at a 5K run this morning and providing route safety communications to keep all the runners safe and well.

What a great feeling of satisfaction that brings, I am helping to keep them safe.

TEAM 6009 NARIVA MAYARO COUNTY *REACT* (TRINIDAD & TOBAGO)
HOSTS TECHNICAL TRAINING: CONSTRUCTING THE SLIM JIM
ANTENNA

October 17, 2015



Team 6009 hosted a technical training session on Saturday, October 17, 2015, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Rio Claro West Secondary School. Our Team president, Gary Dookeran R948 (Int'l No. 20129), welcomed the president of the Trinidad and Tobago *REACT* Council, Rohan Rampersad R511, the Council's technical officer, Rasheed Mohammed R520, and Kenneth Weeks R508, all members of Team 6005 Caroni County.

In attendance to benefit from the training were nine senior members and six junior members of Team 6009. The facilitators of the workshop began the session by explaining the importance of proper connectivity and antenna feed for the communication by VHF radio to be effective.

The simple design of the Slim Jim antenna and its excellent performance were highlighted. Attendees worked collaboratively in small groups to source the necessary materials and assemble the apparatus. The finished products were tested by the technical officer and approved for future use.

Team members displayed great enthusiasm and determination throughout the day's activities. A sumptuous lunch was served for all to enjoy. Now, with new antennas available, our members can certainly improve the radio communications and networking within our community.

Special thanks to all who made this exercise a huge success. Our members have the ability to help others now.

Submitted by
Franklyn Maraj R924 (Int'l No. 14873)
Secretary, Team 6009

Happy transmitting everyone!

2015 MARACAS OPEN WATER CLASSIC

March 20, 2015

On Sunday, March 20, *REACT* Teams 2496 and 6008 of Trinidad and Tobago jointly provided radio communications for the Annual Maracas X Harbor Swim at our internationally famous Maracas Bay, Trinidad, West Indies. This event was again successfully handled by *REACT* consistent with our performances at this annual event for the past 12 years.

The project was jointly headed by Robby of Team 2496, Region 9 Director, and Victor, president of Team 6008.

This is the beach enjoyed by members of the Board and others from the USA who attended our 2001 convention in Trinidad.

Submitted by
Kenny Jagdeo Singh HBM
R103, Secretary. Team 2496



GARY WIEDEMANN RETIREMENT

September 3, 2015

Boise Police Corporal Gary Wiedemann retired after 22 years with the Boise police department. An open house was held in his honor on Thursday, September 3, 2015, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Sawtooth Auditorium, Boise City, Idaho.



REACT extends its congratulations to Corporal Gary Wiedemann and wishes him a long and happy retirement!

REACT Honors Retiring Boise Police Officer

Upon the occasion of Corporal Weidemann's retirement, Region 6 Director Tom Jenkins made a special presentation to him for his 19 years of working with Valley Wide *REACT* Team 4956 of Boise, Idaho.

Cpl. Weidemann, a motorcycle officer, did numerous events such as The Boise City of Trees Marathon, Fourth of July Parade, Boise State Homecoming Parade, Veterans Day Parade, Holiday Parade, Zeigiest Half Marathon, and many others.

He was instrumental in getting the sponsors of most of these events to help with monetary contributions to the Team.

Since his retirement, Cpl. Weidemann has come to several events and helped the Team, and has expressed an interest in becoming a member.

He is a longtime friend of Director Jenkins.

Cpl. Wiedemann will be sorely missed from the motorcycle officers who do so much and have contributed to the success of Valley Wide *REACT*.



STARTING A TEAM

What is the modern *REACT* all about?

It is amazing to see the various programs and relationships that have developed between *REACT* Teams and their local governments and emergency services. Teams may provide first-aid and communications at a multitude of publicly attended events, directly assist local police services with traffic control, provide specialized equipment such as scene lighting, and the list goes on. The interesting thing is that these initiatives come from local Teams recognizing the needs in their communities which, with planning and creative thinking, their organizations can fulfill.

Although *REACT*'s roots are in communications, most successful Teams have gone way beyond this role in their communities. Given the incredible advances in personal communications, successful Teams have honed in on an expanded role to ensure their long term viability in providing a multitude of services. Keep in mind, communication technology is only one of the tools Teams can utilize to solidify their position within their communities.

So what is modern *REACT* all about?

Modern *REACT* is about the future. We can only imagine the incredible technologies that will be available for *REACT* Teams to use in the next few years.

Are you prepared to recognize new and exciting opportunities as they present themselves? What ideas can you bring to the table to be a modern *REACT* Team?

To recognize modern *REACT* is to recognize that the future starts today, with you and your Team.

Are you looking for a way to serve your community? Do you see the value of being part of a modern *REACT* Team? If you answered yes to those questions, then welcome to *REACT*!

It is very easy to start your own Team or to find a Team to join in your area!

The very first things you need for your Team are a name, bylaws to guide the Team as your membership grows, and an EIN (Employer Identification Number). This is required of all Teams, and if you are a US-based Team you need an EIN before your Team can take advantage of *REACT* International's group IRC §501(c)(3) tax exemption. Once you have these accomplished, go find two or more people to start your Team and start the paperwork.

You must have a minimum of three people to obtain your charter -- we say the more the merrier! Look to your family, friends, and neighbors who are like minded in wanting to serve the community. When you have completed the charter application and membership packet, send that off to *REACT* International, Inc. Once it arrives the application is processed and you are granted a Team charter!

Once you have a Team charter – reach out to other organizations in your community to form Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with local agencies such as emergency services, ARES/RACES, CERT, VOAD, and others.

Here are the forms you will need to start your new Team:

1. Dues Calculation Form
2. Dues Structure
3. Charter Agreement
4. New Member Registration Form
5. Officer Record Update
6. Organizing Document (corporate charter, if incorporated)
7. Bylaws

Once you have all your information together, just send it back to *REACT* International headquarters for processing along with your charter fee and membership dues.



PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS – SINCE 1962

UPCOMING NETS

Saturday, November 7, 2015 7:00 p.m -- Star Mountain REACT Radio Club Weekly Net

Radio Net

30 Minutes (repeats every week until August 21, 2021)

Discussion about ideas and training alternate radio communication, please join us. open to *REACT* and non-*REACT* amateur radio operators. For more info contact Joe KD4YSH@yahoo.com

EchoLink Node 171072

Saturday, November 7, 2015 9:00 p.m. -- REACT Net

Radio Net

30 Minutes (repeats every week until August 28, 2021)

The World Wide *REACT* Info Net is tonight at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time on 147.045 mHz+ 127.3 tone and on Echolink *REACT* Conference Server Node 109779

Echolink Node 109779

Sunday, November 8, 2015 9:00 p.m. -- Red Cross Net

Radio Net

30 Minutes (repeats every week until July 20, 2018)

The Red Cross Net at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Echolink DCF-ARC Conference Server Node 336037 and IRLP 9257 linked to the NA4CC Repeater 147.045 mHz+ 127.3 tone

Echolink Node 336037 | IRLP 9257

Monday, November 9, 2015 9:00 p.m.- CCARS Net

Radio Net

30 Minutes (repeats every week until July 19, 2018)

Check-in to the CCARS Repeater Net at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Echolink Node 706882. The NA4CC Repeater. All *REACT* members and amateurs welcome. When checking in, give your *REACT* Team name. This is good PR for *REACT* and *REACT* needs all the good PR it can get.

Echolink Node 706882, the NA4CC Repeater

NEW EDITOR FOR THE *REACTer*



To All *REACT* Members,

First, I would like to thank President Capodanno for giving me this position as the Editor of the *REACTer* newsletter. This is definitely a new and exciting opportunity for me and I hope to exceed everyone's expectations.

Second, as I learn more and more about *REACT*, its mission, and its very generous members, I want to keep getting more involved in this organization. I have had the opportunity to speak to some Team members who've submitted articles and photos, and all of them have been more than welcoming. This kindness and openness shows how whole-hearted the people involved are and I am more than excited to get to know everyone and hear how everything is progressing.

I am planning on organizing this newsletter into something great and would greatly appreciate advice, feedback, comments, etc. I do not take anything

personally and I want to know what everyone likes or dislikes. If you have any suggestions, please email me! My email is: editor@theREACTer.com.

I look forward to more editions to come and really hope I can show off all the great things *REACT* and its members do.

I hope to hear from all of you soon! I greatly appreciate this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Misty Winters

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Your ideas are always welcome! We would greatly appreciate stories, events, meetings, articles, photos, etc. Decisions as to when and whether to publish your idea or story remain at the sole discretion of *REACT* International, Inc.

If you want immediate feedback, please specify and include, in the case of hard copy submissions, a stamped self-addressed return envelope.

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