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Well, now he's the Secretary!

William Stanley
REACT International Secretary

Well now, I just know you've all been wondering when you were going to see more words of wisdom from this old man and you're in luck! It's this month!

For the past nearly 5 years, I have been at the helm of The *REACT*er. I resigned effective with the December 2020 issue in order to give more talent and fresh ideas a chance. The good news there is we do have a couple of promising candidates that we are looking at. So hopefully you will soon have a new Editor, one that is filled with all the glory of *REACT* in her 60th year, and possessing the skill, talent and enthusiasm that you all deserve.

Moving on for me, last month I found myself elected to the position of Secretary. This was a job I had done for the Board a couple of times in the past because it needed to be done and I guess they must have thought I did a fairly competent job.

Look for an occasional piece by me in the future and I am now on the Board/Officers page so if you want to, you can use that email address to talk to me. Oh, one thing here and I will undoubtedly bring it up again in other places, if you are going to the Conference in August of next year **BRING YOUR CELLPHONE**, radios are not allowed in the casino.

As for that picture on the cover, that's a picture from the Tri-Waco event that Dallas County *REACT* talks about in their Team News article.



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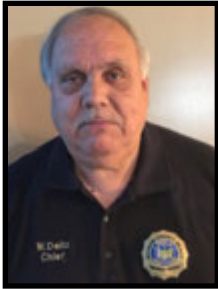
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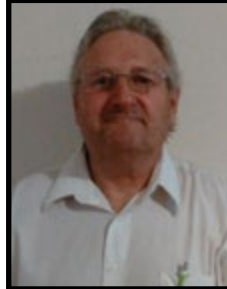


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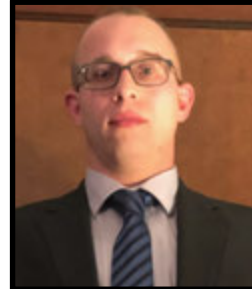


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FROM THE

FRONT LINES

Don Valley *REACT*

(Ontario CA)

Submitted by Ward Kennedy



On July 1 2021 Ward Kennedy of DonValley *REACT* Team 4866 in Toronto Ont Canada made a donation of 5 Vortex Standard 25 watt Mobile VHF radios to St Thomas *REACT* Team #4760. These radios were programmed with all of the St Thomas *REACT* frequencies as well as the Don Valley *REACT* repeater and Don Valley simplex frequencies. These 2 teams have worked together on mutual aid support when required even though the teams are approximately 2.5 hours apart from each other. The radios were programmed by Alex Quiroz, a member of Don Valley *REACT*. The radios will be delivered shortly by Steve Reid who is a member of both Don Valley *REACT* and St Thomas *REACT*.

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Dallas County *REACT*

(Texas)

Submitted by Bernie Parker

Dallas County *REACT* assisted with TriWaco 2021 on Sunday, July 11. Our responsibility was maintaining a communications perimeter around the event (swim, bike, run) should an emergency occur or, other needs, such as status of



participants and event operations.



We set up a mobile command post in our 32 foot trailer with two operators and PD that utilized marine band, DMR radio and APRS. APRS was used to obtain real time location

status of the SAG vehicles. We utilized a temporary DMR repeater and antenna, and, an APRS Digi-repeater and antenna on the roof of the Waco Hilton to enable communications capability over the entire course.



We shadowed race officials. We had an operator at the medical tent. We had operators in the Transition area. There were observers on the course including the swim event. We maintained communications on marine band with the Coast Guard Auxiliary who had boats on the Brazos river. There were placements of personnel at critical intersections for traffic control and to move barricades if needed to allow emergency vehicles onto the course. The only incidents were minor, just sagged out swimmers the Coast Guard Auxiliary brought into shore. There were three 15 minute event holds due to thunderstorms and lightning in the area, and then the event was called. Approximately 9 DCR members assisted with the event.

Heartland REACT

(Nebraska)

Submitted by Paul Mathenia



Heartland REACT / Douglas County REACT has had a bike unit since the mid 90's. They have been used for parade line ups, walks that are on trails, and have been used when we helped with parking at large venues and runs where we can't see from vehicles. We

have about 8 members on the team that have a Lieutenant that over sees them. They fall under operations in our chain of command.

So. Minnesota Albert Lea REACT

(Minnesota)

Submitted by Leland Johnson

Southern MN Albert Lea REACT Team C-143 provided safety with communications at specific intersections on the 10 mile, 30 and 50 miles bike ride.



There were 10 members of the Southern MN Albert Lea REACT Team helped. With local volunteers from the Albert Lea, MN area.

It was a great day for a bike ride. They had approximately 125 bicycle riders. There were no injuries on the routes. No word of minor scrapes. All had a great time



and we want to say Thank You to Bike Ride of MN and all the other volunteers that made this event a success. Thank You.



***REACT* AS PROFESSIONAL AUXCOMM COMMUNICATORS**

Kirk Paxson, REACT International Training Director

The purpose of this article is to provide an overview of the Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) program and the AUXC position and discuss how it is being implemented nationwide, why it matters to *REACT* International, and to you as a communicator. To include the pathways you can take on how to request the course, take the course and to finish the AUX-C Position Task book (PTB), within the prescribed amount of time.

How AUXCOMM Program and the AUXC Position Started:

The problem;

o State and county Emergency Operations Centers (EOC's) likely do not have enough credentialed personnel for an effective response to major disasters or emergencies, outside of their Emergency Support Function (ESF-2) liaisons, especially in the first 24 to 48 hours.

The players;

o The players; amateur radio based-based organizations, *REACT* International, State Interoperability Coordinators (SWICS). State, County Metro Emergency Managers and EOC's coordinated by the Department of Homeland Security, Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency (DHS/CISA). Which developed the curriculum and encouraged the development of state AUXCOMM Workgroups.

The Plan;

o Define, Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) is a term used to describe the personnel that provide various types of backup emergency communications support to public safety, and other government agencies. This includes, but is not limited to amateur radio, military radio, citizens band radio (CB), GMRS, FRS radio, Digital Modes, Zello and social media monitoring etc. These personnel are most often volunteers of non-government organizations (NGO's).

o Identify, the communications spectrums these organizations operate in which can cover a broad range of systems that could potentially be used during an incident. To include HF, VHF, UHF, GMRS, DMR, SATCOM, Microwave, Wi- Fi, RoIP, VoIP (digital/voice/video/text)

o Train, trained Auxiliary Communicators are a valuable communications resource that can support local, county, regional, tribal or state agencies/organization. The first AUXCOMM course was held in 2010 and targeted volunteer emergency communicators such as amateur radio, *REACT*, MARS, ARES, RACES, and SATERN. This two-day course teaches volunteer communicators how they can play an effective role in NIMS/ICS environment. Emphasis is placed on AUXC's relationship with the COML under NIMS/ICS in the ESF-2 support function in the Communications Unit (COMU)

o Adaptable, Organizations are encouraged to incorporate AUXCOMM into ICS and strategic planning, AUXCOMM training is stake-holder driven, at the state level, and the curriculum is determined by the needs of the state and local government officials. The course is developed and taught by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in ARES, RACES, MARS, *REACT* and SATERN

Plan Execution;

o Training Requests: Are made by *REACT* members to their State Wide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) or representative. (contact training@reactintl.org for your SWIC)

o Prerequisites, (prerequisites must be verified two weeks in advance to taking the course)

o Periodic background checks (Required by *REACT* International)

o An active FCC amateur radio license

o Experience in auxiliary communications

o An affiliation with a public safety agency (more details on this under completing the position task book)

o A desire to work with Communications Unit Leader(s) (COMLs) in a National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) environment

o Must have completed the following independent study online courses from the FEMA EMI website: <https://training.fema.gov/is/>

o IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System

o IS-200: Basic Incident Command System (ICS) for Initial Response

o IS-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

o IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction

o Additional in person recommended training: ICS- 300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents is recommended, but not required. Contact your State Wide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) or representative for course availability.

o Course Registration Process: Contact your State Wide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) (or designated Point of Contact (POC)) who will submit a completed student verification form to the Department of Homeland Security

Cybersecurity Intelligence Security Agency (DHS/CISA) at least 14 days prior to the class.

o Travel Expectations, In person training classes are required for 15 to 30 vetted/qualified students. WebEx Virtual Class with a maximum of 15 vetted/qualified students. Class composition is students that come from a variety of agencies.

o Cost: If the course request is accepted by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the \$30,000 course cost is paid by DHS.

o Instructors, AUXCOMM is taught by experienced CISA instructors.

o Task Book; It is imperative that you develop working relationships with local or state public safety agencies, which many teams already do.

Why AUXCOMM Should Matter to *REACT* International and Teams

- Our communities need high quality and reliable communicators to step up during disasters and major emergencies
- History has proven that *REACT* is qualified to work with others on the national or community level and produce effective results.
- *REACT* International members are accustomed to training to meet the demands of an everchanging Emergency Communications Environment
- “The proof” We stand on the merit of 60 years of effective *REACT* Team leadership and members assisting the public through communications.

Additional Resources

As a member of *REACT* International you are invited to join, the AUXCOMM Brotherhood and Sisterhood Facebook Group. If you need additional information or have difficulty joining contact me at training@reactintl.org

Auxiliary Communications Field Operations Guide (AUXFOG) Version 1.1 The Auxiliary Communications Field Operations Guide (AUXFOG) is a reference for auxiliary communicators who directly support backup emergency communications for State/local public safety entities or for an amateur radio organization supporting public safety. National Interoperability Field Operations Guide Version 1.6.1 A The National Interoperability Field Operations Guide (NIFOG) is a technical reference for emergency communications planning and for radio technicians responsible for radios that will be used in disaster response. The NIFOG includes rules and regulations for use of nationwide and other interoperability channels, tables of frequencies and standard channel names, and other reference material, formatted as a pocket-sized guide for radio technicians to carry with them.

Get the App

The Auxiliary Communications Interoperable Field Operations Guide (AUXCOM) is now available as the eAUXFOG mobile app on Apple® iOS™ and Google® Android™ devices. The AUXFOG is a technical reference for Auxiliary Communicators supporting public safety emergency communications planning and response.



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Auxiliary Communicator Position Task Book

AUXC: Both the person (Auxiliary Communicator) and the Incident Command System (ICS) position used to provide auxiliary communications. Trained Auxiliary Communicators (AUXC) are a valuable communications resource tool that can be used by local, county, regional, tribal or state agencies/organizations. The AUXC PTB are the minimum tasks required to become certified (at a state level) as an auxiliary communicator.

Who's Guiding AUXCOMM Into The Future:



The AUXCOMM Subcommittee of the SAFECOM Communications Section Task Force (CSTF)

AUXCOMM Subcommittee

o The AUXCOMM Subcommittee of the Communications Section Task Force (CSTF) was established in April 2019. Its tasking includes developing national-level goals, standards, and policies related to amateur radio emergency communications in support of public safety interoperable communications needs.

o Representatives are authorized decision makers (SWICs) for their respective states regarding interoperable communications. They have the authority to bring in subject matter experts (SME's) into meetings as consultants. Their ultimate mission is to recommend ideas, develop strategic goals and products for consideration by SAFECOM/NCSWIC.

o States participating in the AUXCOMM Sub-committee include: Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Texas, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, New Mexico, Georgia.

Feedback and Questions

Readers, please send your feedback or questions concerning AUXCOMM, and this article to this *REACT* International Request Form. <https://bit.ly/REACT-AUXCOMM>

There will also be a few short survey questions to gauge the interest in AUXCOMM by the *REACT* International membership. A report will be made available to *REACT* International Headquarters and the Board, minus your identity. You must be a *REACT* member to complete the survey questions



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TEAM NAME AND NUMBER _____

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LIST QUALIFICATIONS _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY MEDICAL PROBLEMS OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES THAT THE COMMITTEE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT? PLEASE LIST AND DESCRIBE _____

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WHERE ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY? CONVENTION HOTEL OTHER HOTEL RV/CAMP OTHER _____

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- BEEF**
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- CHICKEN**
Mary's Pasture Raised Chicken Breast | Roasted Chicken Jus
- FISH**
Scottish Salmon | Warm Tomato, Fennel-Orange Vinaigrette

The dinner will be preceded by a Caesar salad and accompanied by Garlic Whipped Potato, Farm Glazed Carrots and Fava Beans. Dessert will be a Lemon cheesecake. Beverage will include coffee and tea (regular and decaf), sodas and water.

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NAME of Photographer

SEND the entire report (with pictures attached) to:

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If not a member of REACT give name, location, any affiliation to an emergency/ disaster response agency and your comments.

All are welcome!



REACT International Events Calendar

AUGUST 2021

1.....REACTer Published
 3.....REACT World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 7.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 10.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 14.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 15.....Deadline for September REACTer
 17.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 21.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 24.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 28.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 31.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)

SEPTEMBER 2021

1.....REACTer Published
 4.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 6.....**Labor Day (US)**
 7.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 11.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 14.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 15.....Deadline for October REACTer
 18.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 21.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 25.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
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 5.....REACT World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 9.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 12.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 15.....Deadline for November REACTer
 16.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 19.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 23.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 26.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 30.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 31.....**Halloween**

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 2.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 6.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 9.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 11.....**Veteran's Day (US)**
 13.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 15.....Deadline for December REACTer
 16.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 20.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 23.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 25.....**Thanksgiving Day (US)**
 27.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 30.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)

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 4.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 7.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 7.....**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**
 11.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 14.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 15.....Deadline for January REACTer
 18.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 21.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 24.....**Christmas Eve**
 25.....**Christmas Day**
 25.....Zello World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 26.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 31.....**New Year's Eve**

JANUARY 2022

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1.....REACTer Published
 1.....**New Years Day**
 4.....**HAPPY BIRTHDAY REACT!**
 4.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 8.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 11.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 15.....Deadline for February REACTer
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 5.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 8.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 12.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 14.....**Valentines Day**
 15.....Deadline for March REACTer
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 19.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
 22.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
 26.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)



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