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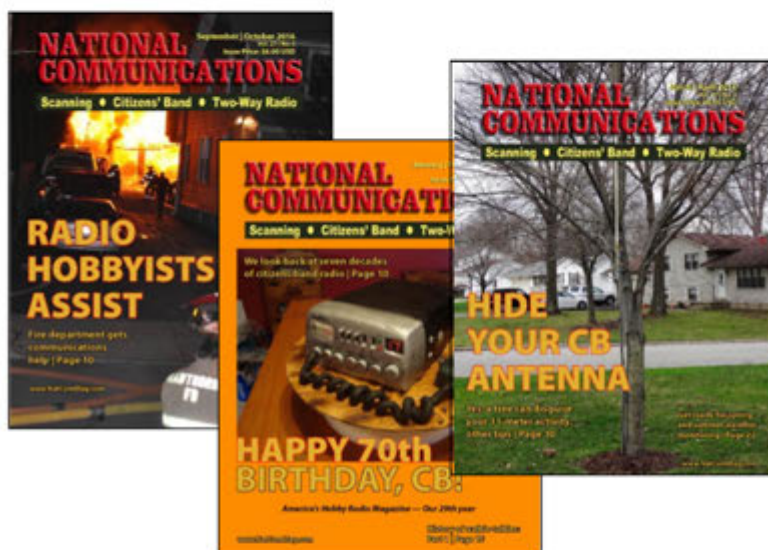
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REACT International is STILL looking for a new Editor for The REACTer!

This position offers a nominal salary, which will be determined at the time of hire.

The successful candidate will have excellent writing skills, the ability to collect information and news, particularly Team News, for the magazine, and be able to work either with Adobe InDesign, Adobe Pagemaker or LucidPress, which is the current program being used. Past Editor Will Stanley has informed us he will make the program available if desired.

The *REACTer* is the primary communications tool between the members and *REACT* International and so plays a very important part in the organization. The new Editor will have complete control on what the magazine looks like while working with *REACT* President John Capodanno on content.

Do YOU have what it takes? We KNOW there has to be someone out there who is qualified! Step up and let's hear from you. Make a difference!

Contact *REACT* International at 301-316-2900 or email at RI.HQ@REACTIntl.org.



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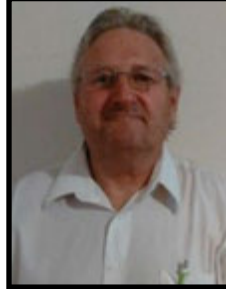
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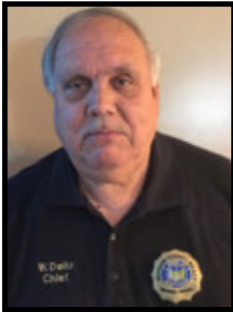


DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The following statements are from the nominees for Board of Directors for Regions 1 - 4 - 7

Ballots will be in the mail shortly.

Region One



Warren Deitz

New York

Hello, I am running for Regional Director for Region One because of my strong belief in the *REACT* Organization. I have been a member of *REACT* for 46 years, a true life member. I have held many positions

over the years such as Team President, Council President and Regional Director.

As Council President, I led the largest *REACT* response ever, to the 9/11 attack in New York City. I coordinated *REACT* Teams from all over the country that were coming to NY.

More than 21 Teams responded with over 65 members. We worked 24/7 for 35 days. I was also the first Regional Directors to push for new professional identification cards, which we currently use.

If I am elected, I will represent all of the Teams in my region and work closely with the Board at *REACT* International.

Thank You,

Warren Deitz

I plan to re-visit multiple Teams during my term. I want to get to know *REACT* and all people involved, to listen to complaints and assist Teams through. I want to help this organization grow into what it's meant to do.

Thank You,

Matt Vizzuso

Region Seven



Riley Frazee

Colorado

Thank You for the opportunity to apply for Region Seven Director.

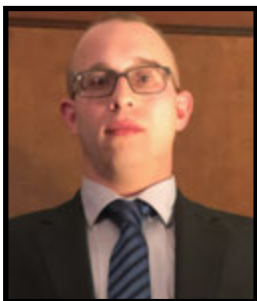
I have had a love of communications since I was old enough to have a walkie-talkie as a kid. That love graduated into CBs and scanners and from there into public safety communications. I have worked and continue to work in public safety, serving my communities as a Lieutenant with our local volunteer fire department and I am the EMS director for our local ambulance service.

I received my Ham radio license at my first year in college and continue to maintain my privileges as a General Class. I am also an active GMRS license holder.

As a public safety professional, I have seen the benefits of supplemental communications support during events and because of that, I began organizing the Southeast Colorado *REACT* team in 2017. In 2018, we were approved as Team 6250. I continue to serve as the President of this Team, which covers six counties in Southeast Colorado.

I live in Southeast Colorado in a very rural agricultural

Region Four



Matt Vizzuso

Ohio

I wish to be elected to the Region Four Director position because I feel that I can bring a younger perspective to the Board of Directors.

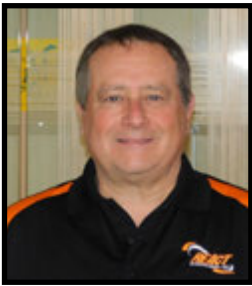
area. I am 38 years old and have a wonderful wife and three beautiful and great kids, which keep me busy when I'm not at work.

I have worked with our state's Emergency Management Agency for 10 years now.

If elected to the Region Seven Director's position, I will commit to increasing membership and Teams throughout the region. I will also work to improve *REACT* by improving existing agreements and seeking new ones with additional organizations and will promote *REACT* in a positive light with our partners and other communications groups.

Thank You,
Riley Frazee

Region Seven



Jerry Jones
Texas

It has been an honor to serve as Region Seven Director from June 2016 through March 2020. I would appreciate your support to serve and be elected to the next three year term. I attended and represented Region 7 at all RI Annual Board Meetings and periodic teleconference meetings until this year.

I am a Life member (601) and current President and Director of Dallas County *REACT*, Team C622.

I feel these are pivotal times for *REACT* international as membership overall has been declining. We all need to strive to find ways to make *REACT* International viable and appealing moving forward by having and sharing common goals.

If elected, I pledge to continue to represent Region 7 at all RI meetings and make myself available to support and provide needed resource to the Teams.

Thank You,
Jerry Jones

(The *REACTer* thanks all four Board candidates for submitting their pictures and statements. Pictures used with permission)

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A BARGAIN?

Beginning right now, any new Team Member that signs on before December 31, 2021, your 2021 dues are...

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You will submit the \$10 per person for the insurance but won't pay regular dues until 2022.

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Become a New *REACT* Team member NOW until the end of the Year and

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Being a member of a *REACT* Team means giving back to your community, helping where needed, whether it be a civic event or an emergency. And remember, when you're a member of *REACT*, the training is free. Be ready for whatever happens.

Don't Sit Back....

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TODAY

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Is EASY!

Just follow this guideline...

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DESCRIPTION of **ACTIVITIES** (Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How)

Provide this info for each event in your report

INCLUDE PICTURES—attach them to your email—don't send .PDFs

(Caption: **WHO, WHAT** and **WHERE** each picture shows)

NAME of Photographer

SEND the entire report (with pictures attached) to:

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NEWS

FROM THE

FRONT LINES

REACT 74

(North Carolina)

Submitted by William Roberts

A large pile of Railroad ties were on fire with the potential to spread to a mobile home park.

Bryson City Fire Dept.

West Swain Fire Dept.

Alarka Fire Dept.

A Mutual Aid response from from Jackson County included:

|
Qualla Fire Dept.

Savannah Fire Dept.

Cherokee Indian Reservation Fire Dept.

NC State Forestry Service, and

Swain County E.M.S.



There were train crew workers from the Smoky Mountain Railroad there to move unoccupied tourist rail cars as well as heavy equipment to spread and

separate the ties for Fire Suppression activities.

Incident time frame was about 3 hours.



Also, here are some pictures of our new "Chief's turnout gear"



Silent Mics

The REACTer, with a heavy heart, informs the REACT Family of the passing of this member



Robert D Adler 1946 - 2021

Robert D. Adler, born in Paterson NJ, son of Ben T. Adler and Julia (Zakim) Adler, passed away on March 24th, 2021. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Phyllis (Kramer) Adler, beloved little sister, Marcy (Adler) Wells, adoring cousin, Marna (LeVine) Atkin, and his devoted dog, Buddy.

After moving to Dallas, he was in Sales and Finance, and a Ham Radio, active with ARRL and REACT (Radio Emergency Associated Communication Teams). When not playing with his beloved dogs, he spent his spare time writing, and counseling those with similar struggles — a lifelong battle with the disease of addiction. Those struggles, along with musings over people and life — are reflected in a compilation of that writing — "A Box of Chocolates". Later, he discovered Narcotics Anonymous, and remained involved until his death, continuing his dedication to bringing hope, light, love and laughter to the lives of many. He will be greatly missed.



Publicizing *REACT*

Will Stanley, Chairman, Public Relations Committee

I'm oftentimes asked what it takes to publicize a *REACT* team.

Well, the answer can be complicated sometimes or not. If you are located in a small town, where it is easy to get to know a local reporter or two or maybe you have a small TV station or a radio station. In small towns, those people are always looking for stuff to fill local news space, whether it be print or electronic.

The important part is to know **THEIR** language. Write them up a press release that will require very little editing and you have a much better chance of making it into the paper or the broadcast.

Also, regardless of what time of day it is, if you call your reporter friend with something about your Team, the first thing out of your mouth should be "Are You On Deadline?"

If their answer is "YES", then say, "I'll call you back later."

Reporters have deadlines to meet to get stuff in and when they are working on meeting their deadline for the day, they will appreciate your concern for their needs and will usually be more willing to talk to you when they're not 'on deadline'.

Don't be afraid to spend a little cash. Invite them for coffee and pie or lunch or whatever. A reporter, particularly in small towns, is not the best paid person you'll ever meet. They will appreciate your kindness, assuming their paper-TV-radio station doesn't prohibit them from taking ad-

vantage of it.

My point here is, if you can 'cultivate' a media contact, whatever it takes, you stand a much better chance of publicizing your team.

On a different tack, when it comes to recruiting new members, never discount the idea of posters in grocery stores and such. **EVERYBODY** has to go to the grocery store, right? Get the store's permission to put a letter sized poster up on their bulletin board. Most have one, even if it's only for the employees.

This is a good way to get noticed, Make sure your poster features the *REACT* logo or your Team logo prominently along with your telephone number where you can be reliably reached.

A new tack that I am trying is the use of a 'Q Code'.

This is a thing that most cellphones can do, with a built in app or maybe you have to download it. Fill it out with your Team name, and phone number. Your email and website if you have them. That way, people can take a picture of the Q code and it will take them directly to your info.

There are many ways out to get your Team noticed,. All you have to do is find them.

*REACT*ively,





Training for the Future

Kirk Paxson
REACT Int'l Training Director

Get Ready *REACT*

The Scenario

Your team headquarters just received a phone call from your communities Fire Chief, requesting your teams assistance with traffic and perimeter control for a large multi juridical incident which will take days to respond and several days to partially recover from. His mostly volunteer fire department is stretched to the point of exhaustion with no hope of mutual-aid and he needs help to give his fire fighters a break and go take care of their families because they were not prepared for a multiday event.

Is your team ready for this very possible event? Even more important is your team members families ready for this. Having distracted first responders because of neglected responsibilities at home can have serious consequences for both the team members families and the people you are trying to help.

What to know and have

1. Know what disasters could affect your area, which could call for an evacuation and when to shelter in place.
2. Are your radio batteries charged for or HT, do you have an extra battery and a way to charge it either on AC or DC. The same goes for your cell phone.
3. Keep a NOAA Weather Radio tuned to your local emergency station and monitor TV, radio and follow mobile alert and mobile warnings about severe weather in your area, the radio can also warn you to other non-weather events
4. A map(s) of your community and important telephone numbers for reporting..
5. Download the FEMA app and get weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.

First responders who are well-prepared will have the peace of mind to focus on the task at hand, rather than worrying about whether their family is taken care of.

1. Build an emergency supply kit.
2. Make a family emergency plan.

3. Be informed about the types of emergencies that you may be called upon to respond to and teach your family about what they should do when a disaster strikes.

4. Prepare for any special considerations like individuals with access or functional needs, older adults, children and pets.

Make an Team Plan

Take the time to outline how the program will operate and what the expectations are for your organization using *REACT* course 110 Deployment Awareness or FEMA's Ready Responder Toolkit (PDF). A successful organizational preparedness program needs:

- A clear vision
- Actionable objectives and goals
- Defined deliverables and timelines
- Regular reviews
- Identify potential obstacles and challenges

The Challenge

If you have read this far then this topic is likely of some importance to you. If you have an opinion, comment or expertise that you can share with the other teams. Please send your comments, team best practices concerning readiness and deployment. I will include them in next month's *REACT*er article please send submissions to training@reactintl.org and thank you for your service to *REACT*.

Associated Content

The "Ready Responder: Law Enforcement's and Firefighters Guide, Preparing Your Family for Emergencies," presentation provides agencies with a customizable template to promote emergency preparedness information to law enforcement or firefighters and their families.

- Ready Responder Toolkit (PDF)
- The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers self-paced courses free-of-charge. Additional courses are available please visit: Emergency Management Institute Course Catalog.

· The National Fire Administration (NFA) offers online courses. To view a list of NFA Certificate eligible courses please visit: National Fire Administration Course Catalog.

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REACT Course Spotlight

Deployment Awareness REACT Course 110

Deployment Awareness is a new *REACT* course focused on deployments, whether they are for an incident across town or in another county or another state. If you leave your house to go do emergency communications, you are deploying. This course teaches basic considerations and procedures for deploying and provides guidelines for working with people and organizations in localities that have been hit by a major emergency or disaster.

Our Deployment Awareness course covers:

- What Is a Deployment
- Deployment – How Far
- Deployment by Typed Resources
- The Impacts on the Locals
- You Are a *REACT* Responder
- Your Credentials

· *REACT* Operations

· Mutual Aid

· Fitting into the Incident Command System

· Security

· When Do You Not Respond

The course manual is 24 pages in length, and should take no more than 1 hour to complete. There is a detailed final examination – when you are ready, contact our training staff at Training@REACTIntl.org to obtain the web address and password for our online testing system. Continuing education units are awarded for course completion.

This course will not make you an expert in deployments. It is an introduction. You have to practice your Team's deployment procedures in full scale or functional exercises and drills. You have to participate in *REACT*'s quarterly ALERTEX exercises to become familiar with how information flows through our organization in disasters. Your Team needs to develop equipment lists and standard operating procedures and ensure that your emergency operations plan and memoranda of agreement are up to date. As disasters become more frequent and more devastating, *REACT* Teams have a greater opportunity to make a difference by responding to requests for assistance from neighboring teams and from state level organizations. When you develop proficiency, you will make a real contribution to improve *REACT*'s overall ability to be an effective communications partner for the emergency management community.



Life Member News

Tom Jenkins
Life Membership Chairman

Greetings from myself to the Life Members!

The time has flown by so fast from the inception and creation of *REACT* that we are approaching our 60th Anniversary. Keeping this in mind, we are in the planning stages of having a celebration for the 60th in Las Vegas in August of 2022. For those who are wanting to come and celebrate with us, please we need to have an RSVP sent to the office of *REACT* International so it will give us a fairly accurate number of attendees.

We are planning on having guest speakers, a banquet dinner and awards ceremony.

Please send RSVP replies to - *REACT* International, Inc., P.O. Box 21064, Glendale, California 91221. Call 1-(301) 316-2900. Send e-mail to reactively106@yahoo.com

Tom
Life membership Chair

Jenkins

REACT International Events Calendar

MAY 2021

1.....REACTer Published
4.....REACT World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
5.....**Cinco de Mayo**
8.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
11.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
15.....Deadline for June REACTer
15.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
18.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
22.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
25.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
29.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
31.....**Memorial Day**

JUNE 2021

1.....REACTer Published
1.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
5.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
6.....**D-Day**
8.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
12.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
14.....**Flag Day (US Army B-Day)**
15.....Deadline for July REACTer
15.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
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)
30.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)

JULY 2021

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3.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
4.....**Independence Day (US)**
6.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
10.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
13.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
15.....Deadline for August REACTer
17.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
20.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
24.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)
27.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)
31.....Zello World Wide Net (8:00 p.m. ET)

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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)

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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)
28.....REACT World Wide Net (9:00 p.m. ET)

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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**

To add items to this calendar, contact:

REACT International: 301-316-2900 (Inter-Office Phone: Ext 114)

email: editor@thereacter.com

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Any questions ... contact the person in charge of the event

*Most National/International Holidays are now in the calendar. They are in **BOLD PRINT***



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