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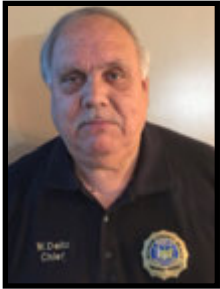
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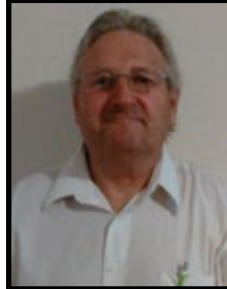


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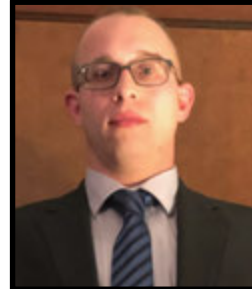


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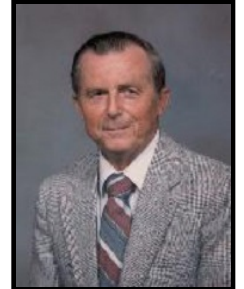
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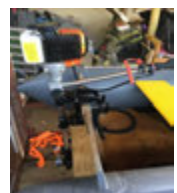
On August 18th Tropical Storm Fred came through a section of our service area of Canton, North Carolina. The flooding caused by the storm completely ravaged the area and did millions of dollars of damages to that area of Haywood County. Businesses completely destroyed by flood waters, homes washed away and property items gone, and MOST OF ALL the Deaths of 6 people.



A hopeless and dire situation that stretched rescuers and resources to their limits for 9 days. Task Force teams and Emergency Depts.: such as Charlotte FD, Raleigh FD, Cary FD, Cherokee Fire and Rescue Special Operations Team, and many others too long to list, agencies coming together to save lives and salvage minimal belongings.

Our Chief at Team #6238 William Roberts immediately went into action to prep the team to provide further needed assistance with Tropical Storm and Hurricane season approaching. He reached out on Facebook to the gentleman who had a raft for sale suitable for Emergency Rescue purposes and made an offer to purchase. Upon the conversation with the gentleman and it getting out that the raft would be used by the team's Emergency Response Unit, and affiliation with *REACT INTERNATIONAL, Inc.*, the gentleman Mr. Noel Livingstone decided that he would DONATE the raft to the team.

The raft has been acquired and prepare for future rescue operations in the area we service. The raft has been lettered and stocked by Chief Roberts for the team's deployment. The raft will be equipped with 2 seat throw preservers, a one 50' and one 100' section Rescue Rope throw bags, and 1 large Buoy throw preserver. The oars Chief Roberts ordered came today and he is awaiting the order of a gas powered small outboard motor for the raft.



Southeast Louisiana *REACT* In Action



On August 28, 2021 the Crescent City Amateur Radio Group and the Southeast Louisiana *REACT* Team were bracing for one of the most powerful storms in the country's history (Hurricane Ida) with sustain winds of 150 mph with higher gust. When we received word that the Hurricane Ida was going to be a category 4 hurricane. I immediately put everyone on full alert status. We reviewed our communications plans, adding that we would use the Southeast Louisiana Emergency Com Channel on Zello for backup communications. In addition, recommended for everyone to evacuate if they were thinking about it. I was also communicating with a power company from up north on the 146.82 repeater in New Orleans, conveying 50 utility trucks to the staging area, for after the storm.

On August 29, 2021 at 7am the Hurricane VOIP Net was activated on echo link on the wx-talk conference and on 146.82 repeater in New Orleans, members from both organizations relay live weather reports and damage reports to net control and the National Hurricane Center.

Ham radio operators were at NOFD, New Orleans Sewage & Water Board, New Orleans EOC and St Bernard EOC. Then during the storm the VFW hall in Harahan was opened for shelter for the Harahan Fire Department due to severe damage on the fire house. Mike KF51NT manned the shelter.

When the storm passed, power in our area was out for 14 days and had no running water. In addition, some areas still didn't have power. Damages were moderate in the city to severe in Laplace Louisiana, and St Charles Parish, down to the coast of Louisiana. Casualties were minimum. Officials have stated, this storm did more damage than Hurricane Katrina.

Photos and article submitted by Southeast *REACT* — Joe Gioroso
N50ZG Emergency Communications Coordinator



***REACT* International CERT Story**

When I started with *REACT*, I was very new to radio and anything to do with net control. When I moved to Florida, I became involved among other disaster response groups including ARES, RACES, SATERN and Palm Beach County CERT connected to the EOC to staff the ham radio for one of six areas in the county where CERT is active. Trained Citizen Emergency Response Teams or CERT is a FEMA sponsored program that originated in Los Angeles, CA in 1985. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is a nationally supported, locally implemented initiative that teaches people how to better prepare themselves for hazards that may affect their communities. CERT trains them in basic disaster response skills: such as team organization, disaster medical operations, fire safety, and light search and rescue. Local CERT programs train and organize teams of volunteers to assist their families, neighbors, co-workers, and other community members during emergencies when professional responders may not be immediately available to provide assistance.

The CERT program is a first care program to assist at time of disaster. It is not a replacement for first responders or qualified medical personal. It is a program to provide initial care while first responders are busy with other greater prioritized needs.

Palm Beach County EOC has divided the county into six smaller, Area Operation Centers (AOC), geographical areas for greater service and manageability. In August 2021, I agreed to be the lead AOC 6 communications person. AOC 6 covers the SE section of Palm Beach County, FL. This may involve the using the county disaster email system, using the county radio system or operating a ham radio base station as a secondary radio service for county officials.

The primary communication system for CERT is 2M ham radio. Many CERT teams have a ham radio operator on their team, therefore communications are achieved. In May 2021 the Palm Beach County CERT communications director asked me to be the net control for AOC 6 during a hurricane exercise. Some participants were using mobile radio and others were using HT radios to simulate a real hurricane.

My wife, Megan (KN4VUW) and I are both trained to be first care CERT responders, radio operators, and 1C section leads. I credit conducting a radio net on 222 MHz net as meaningful training to function as a disaster net control ham radio communicator. Hopefully, we'll never have to use our training in a real hurricane, but no one really never knows.

It is said that the United States is experiencing more natural disasters. With that said, some *REACT* teams may wish to support the CERT teams with communications. Some *REACT* teams look for groups to assist with disaster comms.

Article submitted by Life Member #464 — Rob Adams (KC&FBN & WRAJ462)



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Special Board Meeting

June 30, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order on Zoom at 6:00 pm PT by Chairman Capodanno.

Roll call was taken by William Stanley, acting Secretary

A moment of silence was observed for all *REACT* members that passed on in the last year. The Pledge of allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL

Board Members

John Mahon – Region 1

David Perry – Region 2

Joe Zych – Region 3

Jeremy Barrett – Region 5

Tom Jenkins – Region 6

John Capodanno – Region 8

Robby Goswami – Region 9

Regions 4 and 7 are vacant

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P John Capodanno – President P

A Tom Jenkins – Exec. Vice President A

P Secretary V

V Russ Dunn – Treasurer A

A

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P

A=Absent P=Present V=Vacant

GUESTS

•Guests present were Jerry Jones, Matt Vizzuso, Warren Deitz, Kirk Paxson and Alex

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

•Director Capodanno moved to approve the agenda, second by Director Zych.

(R1-Yes, R3-Yes, R8-Yes, R9-Yes) Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•Moment of Silence for our members that have passed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR

•03/01/2021

Director Capodanno moved to accept the minutes, second by Director Goswami.

(R1-Yes, R3-Yes, R8- Yes, R9-Yes) Motion passed.

•05/01/2021

Director Capodanno moved to accept the minutes, second by Director Goswami.

(R1-Yes, R3-Yes, R8-Yes, R9-Yes) Motion passed.

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

•Regions 1,4 & 7 accepted nominations and if nominations are not received by March 15, 2021, the Director's seat becomes vacant for that Region as of close of this meeting.

•Nomination ballots were received for sitting Director of Region 1. Warren Deitz as the single candidate. Moved by Director Goswami, second by Director Zych to seat Warren Deitz as Director of Region 1 for a (3) year terms, until June 2024.

(R1-Yes, R3-Yes, R8-Yes, R9-Yes) Motion passed.

•Nominations ballots were received for sitting Director of Region 4. Matthew Vizzuso as the single candidate. Moved by Director Goswami , second by Director Mahon to seat Matthew Vizzuso as Director of Region 4 for a (30 year term, until June 2024.

(R1-Yes, R3-Yes, R8-Yes, R9-Yes) Motion passed.

•Nomination ballots were received for sitting Director of Region 7, Jerry Jones (6 votes) and Riley Frazee (1 vote). Moved by Director Goswami, second by Director Zych, to seat Jerry Jones as Director of Region 7 for a (3) year term, until June 2024.

Upon objection by Director Mahon, Director Goswami withdrew his motion.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:23 pm PT and exited at 6:37 pm PT. No action taken

Moved by Director Goswami, second by Director Zych, to seat Jerry Jones as Director of Region 7 for a (3) year term, until June of 2024.
(R1-Abstain, R3-Yes, R8-Yes, R9-Yes) Motion passed.

•Nominations received for Secretary. William Stanley as the single candidate. Moved by Director Capodanno, second by Director Goswami to seat William Stanley as Secretary for the unexpired term, until January 2022.
(R1 – had left, R3-Yes, R8-Yes, R9-Yes) Motion passed.

REGION REPORTS

•No reports received

GOOD OF THE BOARD

•Discussion was held on the non-participation of a Director. Director Capodanno moved to remove David Perry (R2) for non-participation, second by Director Zych.
(R3-Yes, R8-Yes, R9-Yes) Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

•Director Capodanno moved, second by Director Zych to adjourn.
(R3-Yes, R8-Yes, R9-Yes) Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm PT

Next meeting is August 15th, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted
William Stanley
Secretary

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