



# Southwestern REACTer



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SWR's mission is to prepare for communications during emergencies and disasters. This preparation is accomplished through working community events such as: The Lakeside Western Days, and North Park Toyland parades, the Midnight Madness Bicycle Ride and Fiesta Island Time Trials, the Silver Strand Half-Marathon, the San Diego International Triathlon and the Descanso Endurance Horse Ride

The Southwestern REACT General Meeting is held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at:  
2650 Melbourne Drive  
San Diego, CA

**Reactive Team Net**

The Team net is held on the first and fourth Thursdays of the month at 8:00 PM on the 449.440 Community based Repeater with a negative offset and a PL tone of 107.2 (Mt. Otay)

## Editor's Notes For December

By John Wright, SWR 042

Effective with the January 2018 issue, the Southwestern *REACTER* will begin publication during the first week of the month rather than the third week of the month. This will bring it in line with the recent change by the International *REACTER* and closer to how magazines are published.

Each issue will cover the events of the previous month. Anyone wishing to make submissions to the *REACTER* is encouraged to have them in before the end of the month prior to the desired publication date.

No President's report was submitted this month. >

### Dues Are Due For 2018

Please send or bring your dues to the next general meeting. They are the same as 2017.

Regular members \$35.00

Family Members \$20.00

We will be sending the first International renewal by December 30th. >

### General Meeting Update

We will be having a free raffle drawing for members only at the General Meeting. We have a variety of things from REACT International that we will be awarding to members that have worked events and attended meetings in 2017. We will also have a potluck finger food snack time at the General Meeting.

Several months ago the meeting start time was moved from 7:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The intention was to have the meetings adjourn at an earlier time for the convenience of members. We will be discussing the change and deciding whether to make it permanent or return to the 7:00 PM start time.>

### Fry's Operating Day

On November 18, 2017, we once again had a Fry's Operating Day event. We set up with Metro REACT to promote REACT at this event. We had our banner up and handed out our Tri-Folds to those requesting information. Jim Patterson, Roger & June McCollough helped with the serving of Hot Dogs. Thank John Talbot for asking us to join you at this event.

Other Members present at the event were Jason Pistiolas, John Wright, McKenzie Jackson and Walter Wallenborn. >

### REACT Alert Exercise 2017 - 17-18 November

By June McCollough, SWR 054

ALERTEX 2017 was a REACT International alerting exercise for all member teams in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, the Philippines, and Thailand. The exercise was conducted by the REACT International Training Committee.

## **OBJECTIVE:**

1. To test REACT's ability to alert Teams by e-mail to a major disaster using messages in an American Radio Relay League/International Amateur Radio Union/Radio Relay International radiogram format.
2. To gather readiness data from individual Teams in a global disaster scenario using a preformatted ICS/IMS Form 213 format message.
3. To make an initial baseline assessment of REACT's capability to react to a major disaster with global impacts.

On November 17th email was sent as follows:

*"This is an ARRL/IARU/RRI format radiogram.*

*35/P/REACT Warning Team Unit 1/18/Glen Allen VA/2300 Eastern/17 November 2017/All Regional Directors and all REACT Teams/EXERCISE X MAGNITUDE 9.1 EARTHQUAKE YELLOWSTONE WYOMING 44.5N 110.6W X MERCALLI VI SHAKING FELT IN LARAMIE X EXERCISE/Walter Green/Watch Officer"*

**An email was sent to our REACT Team requesting availability and asking each member to respond as follows:**

**Please every member respond.**

Availability 12 hours Local

Availability 72 hours Regional

Not Available

This is an exercise.

**On November 18th second email was sent as follows:**

*"This is an ARRL/IARU/RRI format radiogram.*

*36/P/REACT Warning Team Unit 4/19/Glen Allen VA/0600 Eastern/18 November 2017/All Regional Directors and REACT Teams/EXERCISE X YELLOWSTONE SUPERVOLCANIC ERUPTION X EXPECT HEAVY ASHFALL US AND CANADA X REPORT TEAM AVAILABILITY HTTP://REACTWARNING.ORG/ICS213C X EXERCISE/Michele Snyder/Watch Officer"*

We had a total of 17 of 25 respond to the email. The breakdown of availability (one member was available for both) was as follows:

12 hours locally – 12 members

72 hours regionally – 2 members

Not Available - 4 members

As Secretary I responded with the availability on the ICS213C provided. We then received an email thanking us for our participation and that we were relieved from the exercise.

Region 8 Results

TEAMS responded:

Los Angeles County REACT

Southwestern REACT of San Diego County

Total Regional Resources:

62 members available

29 Type 4 teams available for deployment within 25 miles or less from home station

Per Walter Green, Chair of Training Committee "As the first time we have conducted such an exercise, the data gathered is very valuable to our training efforts, and a good start in developing an exercise training program."

Thank you to all the Members that responded and showed we can and are ready for emergencies. ►



Recognizes

## **Southwestern REACT of San Diego C475**

For continued dedication to REACT's emergency communications mission through successful completion of all tasks in Exercise

### **ALERTEX 2017**

On 17-18 November 2017

Completion of this exercise increases the Team's readiness.

*Jahn Capadonna*

President, REACT International, Inc.