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# Editor's Position

*REACT* International is looking for a Editor for The *REACT*er! 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 Page-maker. The *REACT*er is the primary communications tool between the members and *REACT* International and so plays a very important part in the organization.

Contact *REACT* International Office at (301) 316-2900 or email at [RI.HQ@REACTIntl.org](mailto:RI.HQ@REACTIntl.org)



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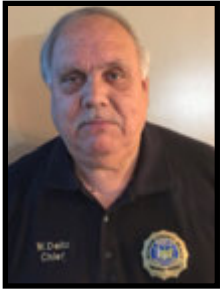
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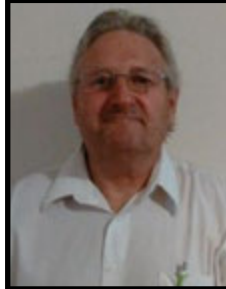


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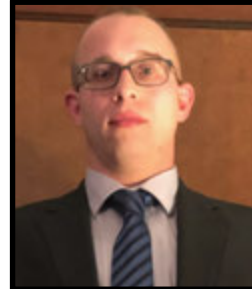


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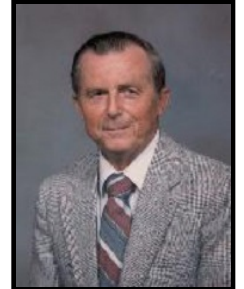
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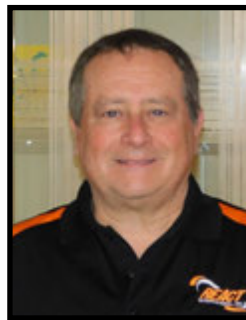
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**Tom Jenkins**  
Executive VP



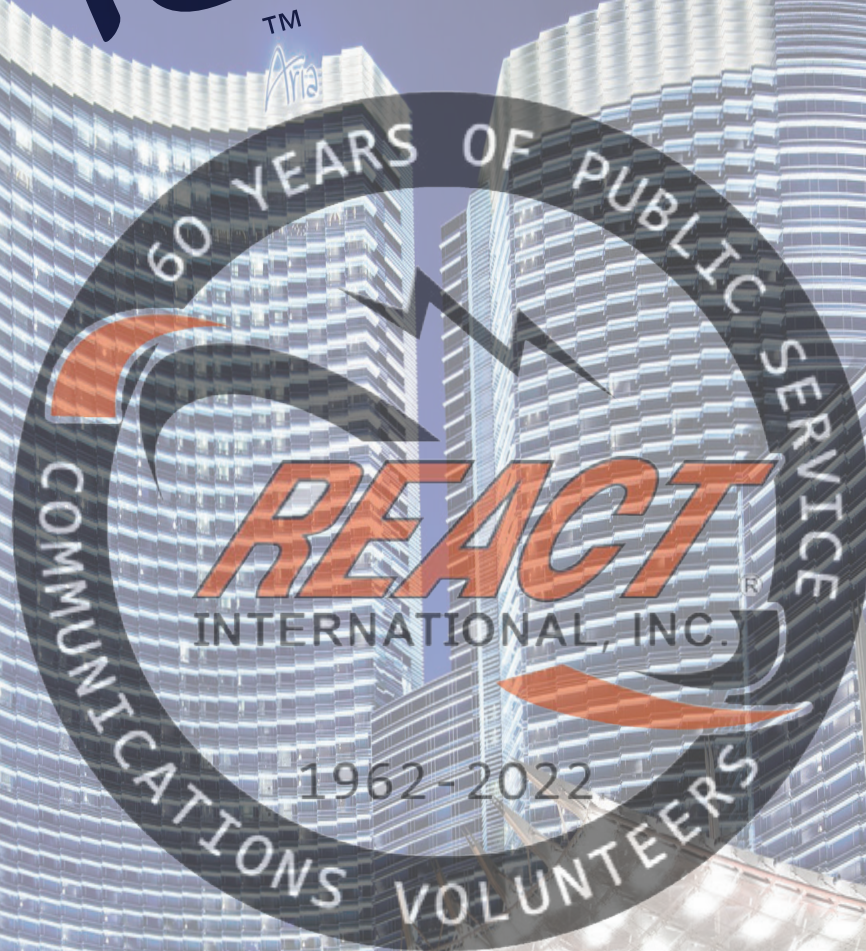
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Register Today For The  
60th Anniversary Celebration  
August 8th 2022  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



# You WILL NOT NEED a REAL ID driver's license to come to Vegas in August!

On April 27, 2021, The federal government extended the deadline for enforcing the REAL ID® requirements to fly. This means that *REACT*ers travelling to Las Vegas for the 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration will not be required to have a REAL ID® compliant driver's license. If you do already have that license, so much the better but don't fret over it for the conference.

The new deadline is May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. First time application for a REAL ID® must be made in person at your local driver's license agency office. Some states are allowing renewals to be done online. Check with your state.



Beginning May 3, 2023, federal agencies will enforce the REAL ID® Act, which requires a REAL ID®, U.S. passport or another federally approved identification to board commercial flights and enter secure federal buildings.

**Please note:** If your driver's license or state-issued ID expired on or after March 1, 2020, and you are unable to renew at your state driver's license agency, you may still use it as acceptable identification at the checkpoint. Due to the effects of COVID-19, the Transportation Security Administration will accept expired driver's licenses or state-issued ID a year after expiration.

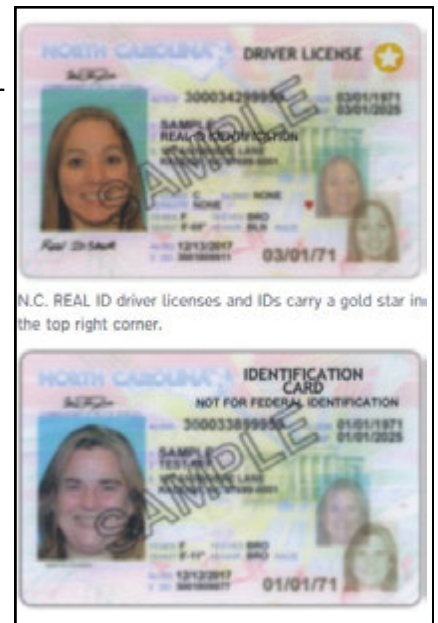
## REAL ID Is Completely Optional

You **do not need** a REAL ID® driver license or identification card to do any of the following:

- Drive
- Vote
- Apply for or receive federal benefits (e.g., Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, etc.)
- Enter a federal facility that does not require an ID (e.g., a post office)
- Access a hospital or receive life-saving services
- Participates in law enforcement proceedings or investigations (e.g., serve on a federal jury, testify in federal court, etc.)

A REAL ID®, however, might be helpful for anyone who frequently:

- Boards a commercial airplane;
- Visits nuclear sites;
- Visits military bases, or
- Visits federal courthouses, federal prisons or other federal facilities



(above) examples of the new REAL ID (top) and non-REAL ID (bottom)

## Keeping all of this in mind, we will see you in Vegas on August 8<sup>th</sup>!





# GORDON WEST

## **"GORDON WEST on REAL EMERGENCY RADIO CALLS" (appearing by Zoom at the conference)**

Hear radio operators transmitting life and death radio calls during emergencies, including fires, floods, tsunamis, car crashes, and the first 911 call over two way radio. All calls were real, and offer good training on how the operator signaled for help.

Gordon West goes back to UHF CB in the early '50s, then on to 27 MHz with 11W1769, 11W2534, and KMX8483.

West was a founding member of San Pedro *REACT*, when Hal-lacrafters started the program. His favorite rigs were a Class A CB Vocaline, Class D CB International Crystal "Ice Box". He later added Ham Radio training as a lifelong hobby.





# ANDERSON BENNETT

**Anderson Bennett, retired FCC field agent, to speak on FCC enforcement then and now at 60th Anniversary Celebration**

Anderson Bennett (K6IDF) is a recently retired field agent from the Federal Communications Commission. He worked primarily in the southwestern United States and personally performed hundreds of FCC investigations in the personal radio services, from 1975 to 1982 and again from 2004 to 2019. He received the FCC's Employee of the Year Award in 2016.

He promises a revealing presentation that will cover the history and evolution of the activities of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau in its efforts to manage the personal radio services as it evolved over a period of almost 40 years.





# Search and Rescue

Technology Presentation

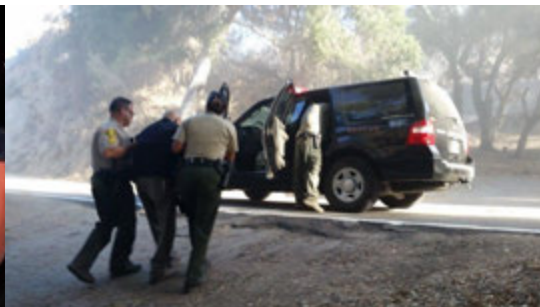


## Will Richards

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Learn how the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department Search and Rescue teams use Technology to Aid in Search and Rescue Operations. There are many different ways to search for someone lost in the forest. Searching for footprints, clues, and signs, of someone being in a particular area very vital parts of any successful search and rescue operation, however, in the 21st century, there are many technological aspects of searching that come into play. Knowing if anyone is in a specific area or not comes easily with the information gathered from cell phone providers, which is then RF mapped to determine possible areas a subject may be in. In other times using LIDAR technology to "paint" a hillside in 1-2 Hour differentials to determine anything in the first picture that has moved in the second picture. In cases where we are looking for an aircraft that has gone down we go out and DF for the plane's ELT. There are numerous ways Search and Rescue teams are able to deploy technology in the forefront of an operation to help use our time the most efficient way possible to aid in helping our patients as fast as possible.

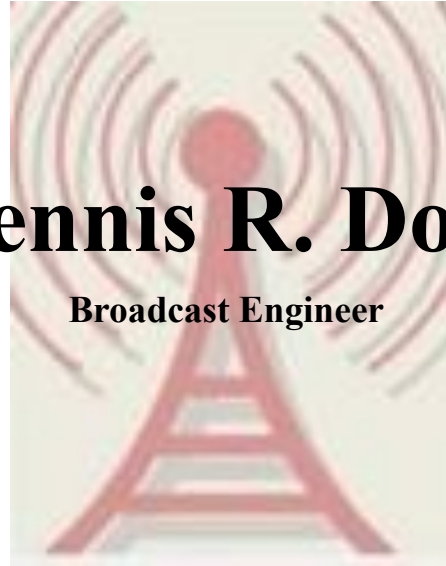
**Find Out More at the  
REACT INTERNATIONAL 60th Anniversary Celebration!**





# Dennis R. Doty

Broadcast Engineer



Dennis will speak on Emergency Communications in Today's World. He will address the different types of radio services available, their pros and cons, how *REACT*ers can use each one and how we need to adapt to a changing communications scene. Dennis will present some real life examples and how they either succeeded or failed.





# 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

August 8, 2022 - ARIA Resort & Casino - Las Vegas, Nevada

## Registration Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OR PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP OR POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY AND MAIL CODE (IF NOT US) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

REACT MEMBER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE MEMBER NUMBER (IF A LIFE MEMBER) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL:

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO GET TO THE MEETING?  CAR  BUS  AIRLINE

WHERE ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY?  ARIA HOTEL  RV/CAMP  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

SEND FORM & MENU SELECTION AND PAYMENT TO:

REACT INTERNATIONAL INC., POST OFFICE BOX 21064, GLENDALE, CA 91221 BY JUNE 1, 2022

Payment Type:  Check  Money Order  PayPal  Payment Plan

US DOLLARS ONLY—DO NOT SEND CASH

ALL INCLUSIVE FEE (includes Celebration Awards Dinner and Conference attendance)

REGISTRATION FEE per person \$200

!! NO REFUNDS !!

ALL ATTENDEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION & LODGING COSTS

If you have any questions, Please Call (866)732-2899 or (301) 316-2900

See reverse side for Menu and Payment Plan



# DINNER SELECTION

The Awards Dinner will have a selection of three different Entrées for you to choose from. Please place a check mark in the box next to your selection.

BEEF

Seared Filet Mignon | Green Peppercorn Sauce

CHICKEN

Mary's Pasture Raised Chicken Breast | Roasted Chicken Jus

FISH

Scottish Salmon | Warm Tomato, Fennel-Orange Vinaigrette

The dinner will include Freshly Baked Bread, Butter, and a Simple Salad with a Balsamic Vinaigrette. Entrée will be accompanied with Garlic Whipped Potato, Farmed Glazed Carrots and Fava Beans. Dessert will be a Lemon Cheesecake. Beverages will include coffee (regular or decaf), tea, sodas and water.



Please Wear Business Casual Attire for the Celebration Awards Dinner

## Payment Plan

I would like to pay my Registration fee in payments. I understand that the entire \$200 (Per Person) must be paid in full no later than June 1, 2022.

I also understand that if, for any reason, I change my mind or am not able to attend, any fee or any portion of that fee will be considered a donation to REACT International.

(NO REFUNDS). A \$50 Minimum fee is required with this form. I am sending \$\_\_\_\_\_ with this form by:

Check ,Money Order or PayPal

Through the "DONATE NOW" link on the first page of REACT International's web page ([reactintl.org](http://reactintl.org))

I will pay the balance (if any) by June 1, 2022 subject to the terms above. If sending check or money order, be sure to have your name and address on each one so we can match all of your payments.

# Explore Las Vegas and Surrounding Areas

There are over 500 + things to do during your stay in Las Vegas. These are just a few.

Prices below are current as of this document creation, and subject to change.

For more selections, please see the Website: [visitlasvegas.com/things-to-do/](https://visitlasvegas.com/things-to-do/)

## Helicopter Fly Over Tour

Website: [maverickhelicopter.com](https://maverickhelicopter.com)

702-261-0007

\$94-\$124 per person

## Big Double Decker Bus Tour of the City

Website: [bigbustours.com/en/las-vegas/las-vegas-bus-tours/](https://bigbustours.com/en/las-vegas/las-vegas-bus-tours/)

702-685-6578

\$45 per person

## The Discovery Children's Museum

Website: [www.discoverykidslv.org/visit](https://www.discoverykidslv.org/visit)

702-382-3445

\$14.50 per person

## Lake Mead Cruises

Website: [www.lakemeadcruises.com/](https://www.lakemeadcruises.com/)

866-292-9191

\$35 Adults \$17 Ages 2-17

## The Venetian Gondola Rides

Website: [www.venetianlasvegas.com/resort/attractions/gondola-rides.html](https://www.venetianlasvegas.com/resort/attractions/gondola-rides.html)

877-691-1997

\$34 Mon-Thur \$39 Fri-Sun

## Adventure Dome Theme Park

Website: [circuscircus.com/the-adventuredome/](https://circuscircus.com/the-adventuredome/)

702-794-3939

\$40 Adults \$20 Juniors





## Opening Ceremony Presentation of Colors





February 28, 2022

Dear REACT Teams and Members,

The REACT International 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Opening Ceremonies in Las Vegas on Aug 8, 2022, is seeking nominations from all teams for Flag Bearers and Honor Guards. To be considered, the nomination for the flag bearer and honor guard must come from at least two teams and preferably be approved by the Regional Director. The regional directors are encouraged to attempt to make sure all teams are represented in the nomination process. Regions 1 through 8 will represent the United States only four nominees will be selected, two primary and two alternates.

Region 9 will have up to 4 nominations per nation from Canada, Nepal, the Philippines, and Trinidad and Tobago. If a nation has more than one team then the nomination must come from at least two teams. We ask the Region 9 Director to approve the nominations and attempt to make sure all teams are represented in the nomination process. The two nominees per nation that are not selected will be alternates. The Opening Ceremony Sub-committee asks that the regional director or their representative submit the nominations, to REACT Headquarters - Opening Ceremony sub-committee.

The selection process is not completely determined, but the selection process will be equitable and fair as much as it can be made. These are the preliminary guidelines: The celebration committee members and officers of REACT International will vote on the nominations. Those voting will be asked to abstain from voting for members on their own team or region for the regional directors who are officers.

Requirements:

- Nominees are in good standing
- Only one honor guard will accompany the flag bearer (We understand that most honor guards have a much larger contingent) Please adapt to the 2 Person Flag team.
- Please submit a verified biography for each nominee, the Master of Ceremony will read each Biography of the Flag Bearer after the Flagbearer has posted the colors.
- Uniform: White button-up dress shirt with no shoulder straps/epaulets. A team patch if the team has one and a modest national flag or national symbol patch may be worn
- The nominee will be responsible for travel and uniform expense.
- Approval of the Regional Director
- Nominations should be submitted by April 30th to Opening Ceremony Sub-committee
- It is expected that all nominees understand the protocols for representing their Flag and following those protocols in a dignified and professional manner

Sincerely

*John Capodanno*

President, REACT International, Inc.



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REACT  
INTERNATIONAL  
TEAM BEST  
PRACTICES

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February 28, 2022

Dear REACT Teams and Members,

The REACT International 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Las Vegas on Aug. 8, 2022, will be here before we know it. The celebration committee is looking for proven best practices from teams. The training committee is putting together a presentation focusing on best practice ideas and innovation that have been proven by individual teams. If your team has a best practice that has been proven to work well, we would like to hear from you and so would your REACT member family

Reasonable submissions will be included in a printed book that will be given to each team that attends the 60<sup>th</sup> celebration.

We are also seeking one speaker from each region to briefly present a creative or innovative best practice idea that your team has implemented successfully and how it worked for your team. The ideal nominee will be comfortable with public speaking, but all are encouraged to participate.

### These are the current requirements:

- Team and Speaker in good standing
- Best practices and Innovative Idea submissions are limited to two hundred words and no less than one hundred words. (you may describe the details of the implementation of the best practice up to two hundred words.) Teams may submit more than one best practice
- Speaker presentations are limited to 8-10 minutes, please rehearse your presentation. To help aid in the selection of speakers you can send your video presentation file to [training@reactintl.org](mailto:training@reactintl.org), you will not be judged on the production quality of the video, but on your presentation skills and mastery of your topic.
- Presenters will be chosen competitively by the training committee and the regional director or a REACT International officer, only one presenter from each region and up to 4 nations in region nine will be selected.
- The focus of the presentation will be on the Team’s best practices and not on an individual.

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- We also are considering streaming this session on Facebook. presenters will need to sign a media release form
- Presentations should be lively but professional.
- The presenters will be responsible for their own travel expenses.
- Please adhere to your *REACT* team's best practices and not the best practices of public safety agencies you may support.
- These requirements are subject to change with notice to ensure an informative and insightful symposium for all *REACT* members
- Best practices and Presenter Packages should be submitted no later than April 29, 2022, to *REACT* Headquarters – Training Committee

All teams who submit a best practice or innovative idea will receive a REACT Best Practices and Innovations “Ask me” Ribbon for each member on the team.

All presenters will receive a “REACT Best Practices” Presenter button and a REACT International Polo Shirt that can be worn for the presentation, unless you wish to wear a suitable team uniform, to present a professional appearance.

The committee is eagerly waiting to hear from you and your team. We are working hard to make this a very beneficial and informative symposium with Best Practice ideas from all of the teams.

For more information or questions contact

Kirk Paxson

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# REACT INTERNATIONAL

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION  
PROGRAM 60TH  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
2022

## ABSTRACT

The Awards and Recognition Committee and the 60th Celebration Committee are inviting you to a question-and-answer meeting to discuss the award nomination process and basic information on the 60th-anniversary celebration to include the Flag Bearer and Honor Guard Competition and the Team Best Practices Symposium during the 60th Celebration in Los Vegas. Please Join the meeting with your name and REACT Member ID for admittance by voice or your name as displayed in zoom. Please remain muted unless you are speaking. The meeting will begin promptly at 6 pm Eastern U.S., however, the meeting will room will be open at 5:30 PM Eastern U.S. for members to chat with each other and get caught up with each other. Details about the meeting are at the end of this document

*Tom Jenkins Awards and Recognition  
Chairperson and Will Stanley 60th  
Celebration Committee Chairperson*

REACT's Highest Award

# The Eugene Goebel Memorial Award



*In 2022, REACT International will present, at the 60th Anniversary Celebration, the **Eugene Goebel Memorial Award**. This award recognizes Outstanding and Consistent Team and. Public Service, with the unselfish contribution of time, skills, and treasure to lead or guide the efforts of **REACT** International and to the benefit of all **REACT**ers. We encourage you to submit a nomination for someone from your Team for this award. The writer of the nomination should incorporate the excellence in service the nominee exhibits on a daily basis. Nominations should be addressed to the Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson Tom Jenkins ([Awards@REACTintl.org](mailto:Awards@REACTintl.org)) who will present them to the Board of Directors for consideration.*

<https://forms.office.com/r/YVHf07QTHK>  
Click Here to Submit your nomination on a secure form.

# Awards Package For 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration

## The Frank Jennings Memorial Award for 25 years of service

Nomination Form Frank Jennings Memorial Award will be used to honor those members that have demonstrated dedication to the ideals and concepts of REACT International Inc.

Nominees must have a verifiable twenty-five (25) or more years of consecutive membership in REACT to receive this once in a lifetime award.

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by Team name and Charter number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

When joined: \_\_\_\_\_ When 25 years reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Twenty-five (25) or more years of membership verified by Team members:

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information Has the nominee been instrumental in the growth of either their Team or Council by promoting REACT? Explain why.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What leadership positions has the nominee held at the Team, Council or International level?(i.e., President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.)Has the nominee ever served on the Board of Directors of REACT International, Inc.? Yes  No  The above additional information will be used in applying information and wording to the plaque and is not the basis for the award.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not write below this space \_\_\_\_\_

REACT Intl., Inc. Information verified by:

Name and title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate ordered date: \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate sent date: \_\_\_\_\_

<https://forms.office.com/r/wnU2YHKCUA> Click Here to Submit your nomination on a secure form.



## REACT International Service Awards:

5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51 to 60 Years.

At REACT International we realize that our team members are our greatest asset, and we are delighted to honor your dedication, service, and commitment to our organization. It is our team members who uphold our principles and demonstrate our vision of working for a better future for REACT International teams, as they deliver exceptional service to our communities.

The success of our organization is a direct result of your efforts and dedication. Your commitment to quality and personal and professional integrity is the differentiating factor that sets us apart from our competition. So, we honor years of service for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51 to 60 Years.

5 Year award

10 Year Award

15 year Award

20 Year Award

25 Year Award

30 Year Award

35 Year Award

40 Year Award

45 Year Award

50 year Award

Founders Award 51-60 Years

<https://forms.office.com/r/vmguci5Cs0> *Click Here to Submit your nomination on a secure form.*

## Presidents Innovation Award

Recognizes a REACT member who developed, implemented, or tried a new approach, system, or idea.

Innovation and bold, creative thinking are vital to the future of REACT Teams and the leaders who guide them— so it is imperative to recognize and reward innovation throughout REACT International. This award has been created to recognize REACT Members. These members, whether they have been with React for a few months or decades, bring fresh ideas to their team and inspire a spirit of innovation, and take a bold approach to accomplish their contribution to their team and community. Nominees can come from anywhere within REACT it can be a teammate, a team officer, director, REACT International officer, or even yourself. We want to show that innovation flourishes in REACT International.

### Criteria for selection

- **COMMUNICATION:** Shares knowledge and information.
- **JUDGMENT:** Demonstrates innovation, creativity, and good judgment.
- **GROWTH:** Creates environments in which members have the freedom, tools, or resources to challenge the status quo, push boundaries and achieve growth; uses mistakes as opportunities for future learning and achievement.
- **INITIATIVE:** Seeks advancements in innovative approaches to serving the public using improved processes, services, technologies, or ideas.
- **VISION:** Finds innovative solutions; sees new possibilities; takes new ideas from concept to reality.

### Nomination Criteria

What we're looking for:

Here is your chance to tell us about a member that has demonstrated, implemented, or tried a new approach, system, or idea in the last five years. Consider the criteria above to write your nomination.

#### Examples:

Perhaps the nominee works in IT or Communications support and inspired a bold approach to overhaul a work process in order to adapt to remote or hybrid working conditions while accomplishing the necessary results.

Perhaps they provide support and guidance to communities for fire safety, neighborhood watch, or other similar programs.

Maybe your nominee works in public service facilities, at a fire department, Salvation Army, or the American Red Cross and was able to help them adapt with innovative solutions amidst a continuously changing environment.

**Group Nomination:** If you know others who would like to nominate this individual, you may do so as a group by adding the additional nominators' names and individual ID numbers to the online nomination form. Additional information may be requested of these individuals as part of the review process.

**Self-Nomination:** If you would like to nominate yourself for this award category, please provide the names and REACT Id of individuals who can support your application.

<https://forms.office.com/r/TQrmuJiqDb> *Click Here to Submit your nomination on a secure form.*

## Presidents Outstanding Team Member Award

REACT member who has demonstrated a positive and influential impact on their team, overcome an obstacle, or fostered cooperation and collaboration in their team, while carrying out their responsibilities.

### **Overview and Criteria**

The Presidents Outstanding Team Member Award is presented to REACT members who have exhibited a positive and influential impact on their team environment, overcome an obstacle, or fostered cooperation and collaboration in their team while carrying out their responsibilities.

The Presidents Outstanding Team Member nominee should possess these essential Skills for Success:

**INTEGRITY:** shows a strong work ethic and stays focused on what is important; takes on the tough challenges.

**GROWTH:** produces results under challenging circumstances and changing environments; sets and achieves goals for themselves.

**INITIATIVE:** looks for opportunities to take initiative and/or exceed expectations; strives to do work more efficiently and effectively; volunteers and enthusiastically takes part in team events and programs.

**VISION:** looks for opportunities to grow their skills and knowledge for the betterment of their team and REACT International; a positive team player in the team.

**JUDGMENT:** invested in the team's success; an ambassador for the team's mission

### **Nomination:**

What we're looking for: Please tell us about a team member whose work demonstrates excellence in supporting the team's core mission areas for the past five years. Consider the criteria above to write your nomination.

Examples:

Perhaps your nominee is a frequent responder or monitor and provided a consistent level of high performance, despite transitioning to new operation requirements or parameters.

Maybe the nominee had to entirely reassess or re-implement a long-standing project in order to adapt to new or changing circumstances.

Perhaps another nominee is a team leader that had to quickly assess emerging needs and completely redesigned and implemented a mission-critical program.

**Group Nomination:** If you know others who would like to nominate this individual, you may do so as a group by adding additional nominators' names and REACT ID number to the online nomination form. Additional information may be requested of these individuals as part of the review process.

**Self-Nomination:** If you would like to nominate yourself for this award category, please provide the names and REACT ID numbers of 2-3 individuals who can support your application.

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## Presidents Outstanding Team Award

Awarded to a team that implements a project or solves a problem that positively impacts their team and the greater community.

### Overview and Criteria

A REACT Teams' mission is to discover; preserve and protect their community it often depends on collaborative efforts. with the team's community and is frequently growing and challenging them to continue to improve means to effectively work across technologies, cultures, and boundaries. The collaboration can be within or across teams, public service agencies, local government, and NGOs.

Your team nominee should possess these essential Skills for Success:

**INTEGRITY:** A positive, honest, and diplomatic when working across teams, communities, and cultures.

**INCLUSIVE:** Creating a sense of belonging can be especially challenging in a truly diverse community and team and requires showing respect, openness, compassion, and empathy for others even in difficult situations. In addition, serving as an ally when others are being excluded.

**VISION:** Means to effectively integrate the work of our teams' programs. While sharing this means supporting and embracing change, and having a long-term vision, that supports bold ideas.

**COMMUNICATION:** Nominees must have exceptional interpersonal skills, the ability to clearly share their knowledge—both written and verbal, in a manner that is inclusive for all participants.

### Nomination:

What we're looking for: please tell us about a team that has implemented a project or solved a problem that positively impacts their team and the greater community for the past years. Consider the criteria above when making your nomination

Examples:

Perhaps they responded to an urgent need in their community and quickly formed an ad-hoc team to deliver needed results such as facilities that helped with community recovery efforts, welcoming residents back after being displaced, or coordinating community-wide efforts to keep the community safe.

Or maybe they were members of a large project committee that rolled out a community-wide solution via a platform or system.

Maybe this team assisted in building care; helping to restore essential services or clearing roadways and delivered a particularly public or heroic effort this past year.

**Group Nomination:** If you know others who would like to nominate this group, you may do so as a group by adding the additional nominators' names and REACT member ID numbers to the online nomination form. Additional information may be requested of these individuals as part of the review process.

**Self-Nomination:** If you would like to nominate your team yourself for this award, please provide the names and REACT member ID of 2-3 individuals

There is no size limit for group nominations if you provide mutual aid to another team(s). Please be aware that due to time considerations we may not be able to name each individual in the group at the awards ceremony.

<https://forms.office.com/r/nGaEUUA2aT> *Click Here to Submit your nomination on a secure form.*



# The United States President's Volunteer Service Awards

*Note to Region Nine teams; If your country has a similar award that you qualify for and receive, we may be able to incorporate an acknowledgment that you earned it in the awards ceremony. Contact the Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson Tom Jenkins*

## Overview

In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too.

The PVSA has continued under each administration, honoring the volunteers who are using their time and talents to solve some of the toughest challenges facing our nation.

Led by the AmeriCorps and managed in partnership with Points of Light, this program allows Certifying Organizations to recognize their most exceptional volunteers.

## Volunteer Eligibility

United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (i.e., green card holder)

Must be at least five years old

Completes eligible service within a 12-month period (for annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards) and over a lifetime (for Lifetime Achievement Awards)

## Eligible Service:

Unpaid acts of volunteer service benefiting others

Service through National service programs that provide a stipend (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) may count towards the Lifetime Achievement Award, but not for the annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards)

Travel stipends, transit/parking passes, membership passes, expense reimbursements, and other nominal volunteer support do not impact service eligibility

## Eligible Service does not include:

Donating funds

Political lobbying (Non-partisan voter registration is an eligible activity)

Religious instruction

Conducting worship service

Proselytizing

Volunteer service performed as part of court-ordered community service

Serving only family members

# Eligibility Requirements

## Certifying Organizations

REACT International is a Certifying Organization and the below information is here so you know what REACT International is required to do in order to certify these awards be given to qualified members. Certifying Organization is an organization that has been granted authority through an application and review process to give out the PVSA to volunteers. Certifying Organizations verify and certify that a volunteer has met the requirements to receive a PVSA within a 12-month period specified by the Certifying Organization. Only Certifying Organizations can certify volunteers' eligibility for the PVSA and order awards.

Certifying Organizations must be established and operate in the United States, its territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands), or on overseas U.S. military and state installations. Additionally, Certifying Organizations must receive or facilitate volunteer service.

### Requirements of the Certifying Organization:

- Verify the volunteer hours required to earn the award.
- Verify volunteers are U.S. citizens or lawfully admitted permanent U.S. residents.
- Pay the nominal cost of PVSA awards, including shipping. Certifying Organizations may not charge volunteers for the PVSA award and volunteers are not permitted to purchase awards.
- Receive and distribute the awards package to volunteers.
- Take the Certifying Organization e-course once every 12 months.
- Establish procedures to ensure compliance with PVSA eligibility and other program requirements.
- Conduct business both ethically and without deception. Certifying Organizations under criminal investigation, indictment or who have been convicted of a felony in any State or Federal court within the last two years are not eligible to apply or maintain the status of a certifying organization.
- Revoke a PVSA when information is presented that any awardee did not meet criteria for the Award. If the information reflecting ineligibility did not come from Points of Light or AmeriCorps, inform both parties of any such contemplated revocation and the justification prior to initiating procedures.
- Maintain a data bank that provides the capability to retrieve all information upon which an award was based, by individual awardee's name and year of the award, and certify annually to Points of Light that such data bank is being maintained and is current. The Certifying Organization shall maintain, as part of the databank, a checklist for each awardee by name reflecting that each of the required criteria for an award as detailed under "Volunteer Eligibility Criteria" has been met.
- If there is a time lag longer than 3 months between approving and purchasing the award and the actual award date, the Certifying Organization must recertify that the individual remains eligible for the award and maintains such certification in the data bank.

Failure to complete or support any of the PVSA program requirements may result in revocation of the status of the Certifying Organization and the associated volunteer awards.

## Volunteer Eligibility

- United States citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States (i.e., green card holder)
- Must be at least five years old
- Completes eligible service within a 12-month period (for annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards) and over a lifetime (for Lifetime Achievement Awards)

### Eligible Service:

- Unpaid acts of volunteer service that benefit others.

- Service through National service programs that provide a stipend (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) may count towards the Lifetime Achievement Award, but not for the annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards)
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- Proselytizing
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- Serving only family members

Hours Required to Earn Awards in Each Age Group

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b>
Kids (5–10 years old)	26–49 hours	50–74 hours	75+ hours	4,000+ hours
Teens (11–15)	50–74 hours	75–99 hours	100+ hours	4,000+ hours
Young Adults (16–25)	100–174 hours	175–249 hours	250+ hours	4,000+ hours
Adults (26+)	100–249 hours	250–499 hours	500+ hours	4,000+ hours

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*MINUTES*  
*REACT International Board Meeting*  
August 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 06:03 PM, PDT via Zoom teleconference. by Vice Chairman Goswami, Minutes Taken by President Capodanno.

Pledge of allegiance – flag salute

**Directors:**

R1 – Warren Deitz - Present  
R2 – Vacant  
R3 – Joe Zych - Present  
R4 – Matthew Vizzuso - Present  
R5 – Vacant  
R6 – Thomas Jenkins - Present  
R7 – Jerry Jones – Present  
R8 – John Capodanno - Present  
R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present

**Officers:**

President – John Capodanno - Present  
Executive Vice President – Thomas Jenkins – Present  
Secretary – William Stanley – Present (6:14)  
Assistant Secretary – Vacant  
Treasurer – Russ Dunn - Present  
Assistant Treasurer – Vacant

**Guests Present:**

John Peterson, Kirk Paxson, Jack Vechlik,  
Rita Stanley (6:14), Jay Flora (6:20)

It was confirmed that a Quorum was established.

**Agenda (Item 1)**

Director Jenkins moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Jones.  
R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

**Guest Speaker (Item 2)**

John Peterson spoke on AUXCOM with CISA-DHS on how REACT Members can get Certified

**Meeting minutes (Item 3)**

Director Jenkins moved to approve the minutes from June 30, 2021, second by Director Zych.  
R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

**ICS-213 Form (Item 4)**

Director Capodanno moved approve traffic system form ICS-213 for use, seconded by Director Vizzuso.  
R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.



**Radiogram Form FSDA Form (Item 5)**

Director Capodanno moved approve radiogram form FSDA for use, seconded by Director Zych.  
R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.



**Training Report (Item 6)**

Kirk Paxson presented REACT Training report with detailed stats and reports.

**Dues (USA/Canada) (Item 7)**

Director Capodanno moved to increase USA/Canada dues by \$10. per member and \$5. Early bird special per member if renewed before January 1, 2022, and \$20 per team admin Fee, seconded by Director Jones.  
R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.



**Dues (Intl) (Item 8)**

Director Jones asked for discussion to raise the international dues.

Director Capodanno moved to keep international dues with admin Fee the same, seconded by Director Deitz.  
R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

**Life Membership (Item 9 )**

Director Jones moved to table Life Membership Fees, seconded by Director Jenkins.  
R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

**Affiliate Membership (Item 10)**

Director Jones moved to increase Affiliate dues by \$10. per member and \$5. Early bird special per member if renewed before January 1, 2022, seconded by Director Jenkins.  
R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

**Appointment Region Five (Item 11)**

Director Capodanno moved to appoint Mr. Fry to the unexpired term of region 5, seconded by Director Vizzuso  
R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

**Adjournment (Item 12)**

Director Capodanno moved to adjourn at 7:28 PM PDT, second by Director Zych.  
R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

John Capodanno  
President



# Los Angeles County *REACT* ‘Finish(es) The Ride’

Finish the Ride was started by Damian Kevitt in the spirit of courage and determination to overcome tragedy despite insurmountable odds, following him losing his leg to a hit-and-run crime. It is a movement, which has been heard around the world, to stop the epidemic of hit and run crimes and make the streets safer for all road users.

More than 32,000 people are killed and 2 million are injured each year from motor vehicle crashes in the United States. In fact, the United States has the highest number of crash deaths each year out of 10 other high-income nations - by almost double. On top of this, the United States has the lowest decrease in crash deaths out of all these nations.

(<https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/motor-vehicle-safety/>)



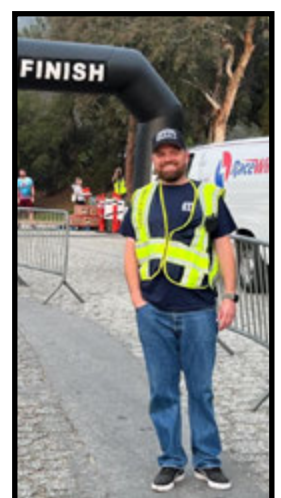
This year’s Finish The Ride Griffith Park Half Century is dedicated to Andrew Jelmert, who tragically lost his life while cycling in Griffith Park on the 16th of April 2022 - close to where Damian Kevitt lost his leg in a hit & run in 2013. Andrew was pedaling the final stretch of a 67-mile training ride in preparation for a 545-mile ride from San Francisco to LA benefiting the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Los Angeles LGBT Center. He was killed by a speeding driver who also appeared to have been drinking.

Ten members of LACO *REACT* assisted with the event in all areas, including traffic and crowd control as well as event organization and communications.



LACO REACT Member Connie Tunzi works at the starting line

Those who participate in Finish The Ride sometimes do so after their own personal tragedy or in the name of others. No matter who or what they participate for, every participant helps prevent further loss of life due to traffic fatalities — one of the leading causes of death in the United States.



LACO member Jeff Champlin works the route

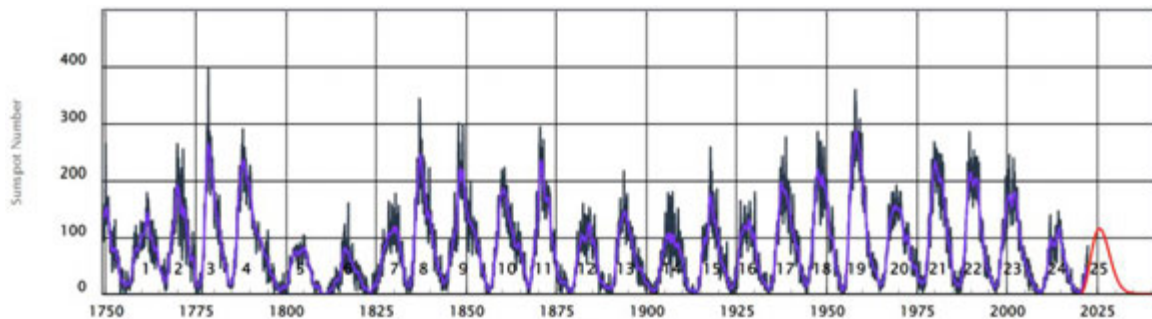
## Radio Communications and The Solar Cycle

Submitted by: Ravindranath "Robby" Goswami, 9Z4RG/NZ4RG, Region 9 Director

The month of May is *REACT* Month, the National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Month (NDPPM) in Trinidad and Tobago, and happens to be on the heel of a very heightened period of solar activity. In this month's article, we discuss the effects of the Sun on radio communications.

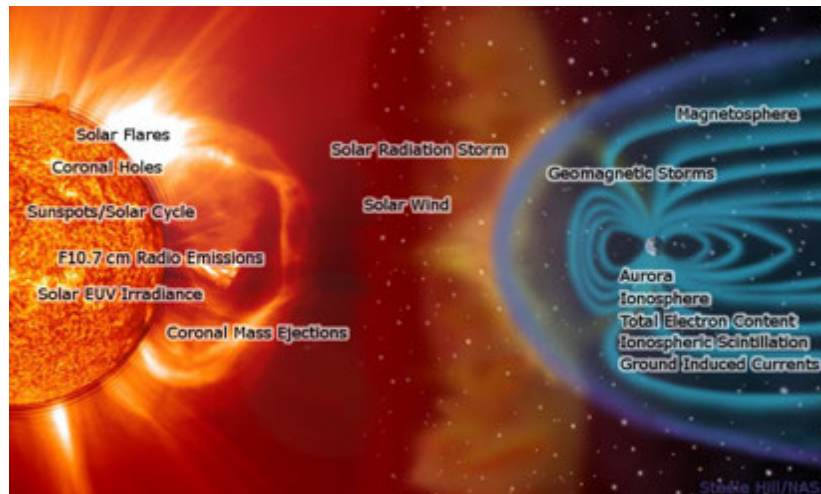
The Sun has a major effect on our habitat, the planet Earth. Arguably, it is a major contributor to life as we know it. Weather, ocean currents, season, and climatic conditions are also determined to a large extent by the Sun. Relevant to *REACT* and communicators, in general, is the effect, both positive and negative, that the Sun can have on radio waves.

The Sun goes through a cycle about every 11 years, whereby its magnetic field and activity levels change. These changes are manifested in the number and size of sunspots as well as major changes in other phenomena such as solar wind, solar flares, and coronal mass ejections (CME). The cycles go from a low period of activity to a progressively higher level of occurrences towards the peak, then drop off towards the solar minimum. We are currently at the start of Cycle 25.



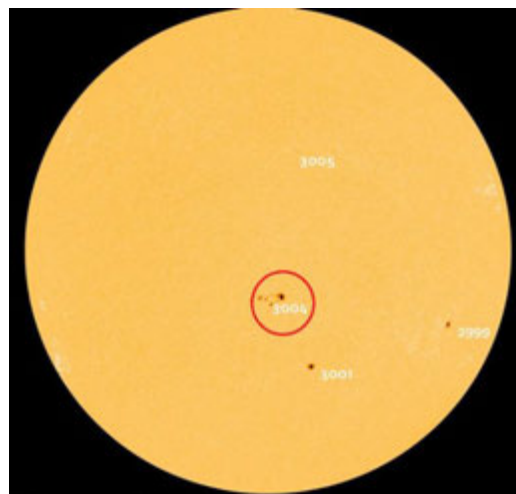
*Solar Cycle. Source: SWPC/NOAA*

The solar wind is a continuous stream of charged particles (plasma) from the Sun that goes outwards into the solar system, towards Earth and the other planets. Coronal holes on the Sun at its poles and lower latitudes causes allowing these particles to escape and form the solar wind. The Earth's magnetic field protects us from the magnetic particles that are mostly deflected.



*Solar Phenomena, including the Solar Wind. Source: SWPC/NOAA*

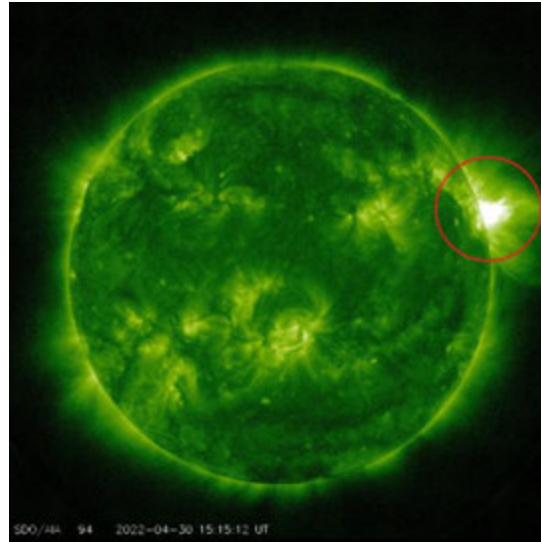
Sunspots appear as relatively darker areas and represent lower temperatures. Remember, it is the Sun we are talking about, so lower still means an enormously high temperature. Sunspots are due to strong magnetic fields in the areas in which they occur. The material is pulled back into the Sun, thus making it look darker in those spots. As sunspots represent areas where the magnetic fields are strong and concentrated, when those sunspots come into view, they release more ultraviolet (UV) radiation that impacts Earth's atmosphere in the layer referred to as the ionosphere. The ionosphere has layers, D, E, and F. The F region becomes more ionized and enhances HF radio wave propagation via a process called refraction. The radio signals are said to bounce or reflect (really refract) back to Earth, and you often hear operators referring to this as "skip" or "DX". The side of the Earth that is facing the Sun at a given time will have differences in the condition of the ionosphere compared with the side that is dark. Daily sunspot numbers and the associated solar flux index are published, which is a good guide on what to expect in terms of good or poor propagation. For the HF radio community, CBers, and amateur radio operators, high sunspot numbers are usually a good thing.



*Sunspots. Source: NASA SDO/AIA*

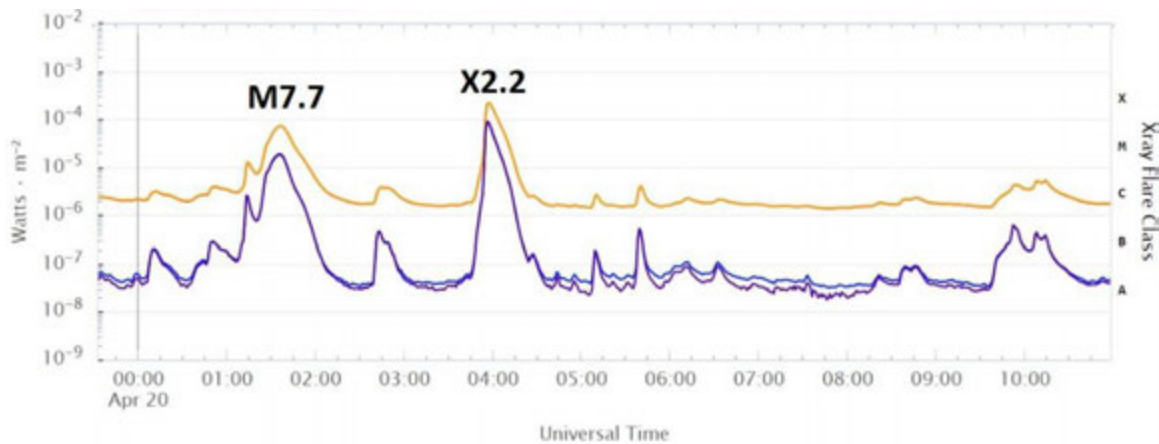


Solar flares occur in the area of sunspots, where there is a sudden burst of intense high-energy radiation. Flares appear as very bright and emit hard X-rays and can be classified according to the amount of flux. Solar flares can be C-Class (smallest), M-Class (medium), and the strongest of them all the X-Class (biggest) flare. It takes just about 8 minutes for the X-Rays to arrive on Earth, as the radiation travels at the speed of light, so there is no warning, and it affects us just as it is observed. Such radiation from flares cause ionizes the lower D region of the ionosphere, causing HF radio waves to be absorbed. If the D absorption is severe enough, like the X-Class flare, a radio blackout can occur. Fortunately, the effects are of relatively short duration.



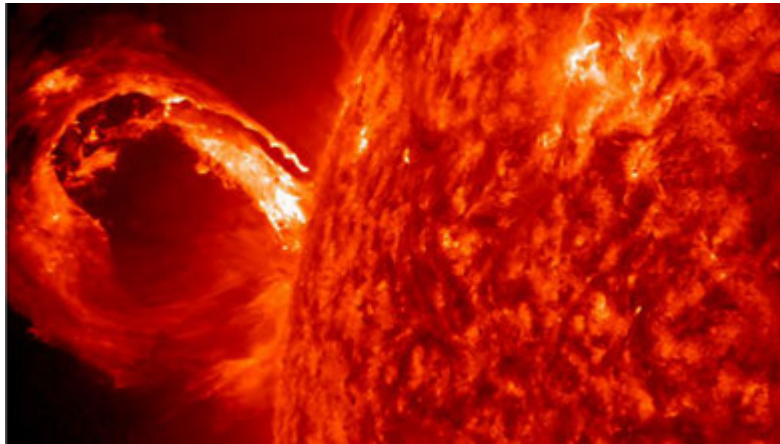
*Solar flare. Source: NASA SDO/AIA*

As at writing, we have seen 4 X-Class flares for the year, all occurring in the past couple of weeks...and we are likely to see more and larger flares going forward as we climb in the Solar Cycle 25!



*Solar X-Ray Flux showing M and X-Class Flares. Source: SWPC/NOAA*

Coronal mass ejections (CMEs) are explosive events that eject a large amount of solar material. These particles are charged and can cause a shock wave and a significant increase in the speed of the solar wind. Earth's magnetic field can be affected. It makes a big difference if the CME is Earth-facing. If the CME is from an area towards the limb that is either now coming into or out of view, then the effects will be much less. The A and K indices are published and can be monitored for the effects of CMEs. The maximum usable frequencies (MUFs) can also be influenced. Auroral activity is also heightened with the arrival of the particles from a CME. It takes several hours to days for such particles to reach the Earth, thus giving some warning. It should be noted that CMEs do not always occur with solar flares.



*Coronal Mass Ejection (CME). Source: NOAA*

There are many other possible negative effects due to the Sun's electromagnetic activities, such as affecting satellites and the electrical power grid, that we should, as communicators and volunteers in emergency and disaster management, be aware of. Hopefully, the information in this article will open your appetite to explore the relationship between the Sun and radio communications a bit further.

Happy *REACT* Month!



# Publicizing **REACT**

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Will Stanley, Public Relations Committee

There are many ways to publicize *REACT* and your Team. Always be on the lookout for those opportunities! You never know where they might appear.

Let me tell you a little story of an opportunity that came up for me once and I didn't even know it had happened until later in the day.

We were attending the *REACT* International convention in Chicago, in 1985. I had been a longtime fan and listener of WMAQ Radio in Chicago when it was still country music and I figured as long as I was here, I wanted to go see the station. It was downtown Chicago and only about a 30 minute drive from Rosemont where the convention hotel was.

So we got in our rental car and off we went. Man, let me tell you! Chicago traffic is everything it is rumored to be! But we got downtown to the Merchandise Mart and went up to the station.

We got hooked up with the program director who agreed to give us a tour.

Now, keep in mind, we were dressed in our Team shirts and carrying our radios.

As we came into the broadcast area, where the on-air studio and one other was, we took a look through the big window at the DJ who was working and waved to him. Next thing I know, the speaker comes alive and says "What's Dogde CTY *REACT*?" (that's what was on the back of our shirts)

The Program Director showed us the button to push to talk to the DJ and we had a nice little conversation about *REACT* and what it was, how it started and all. The DJ thanked us for talking to him and we went on our way.

After coming back to the convention hotel, we were accosted by several members who said things like, "good job!" and "Nice interview!"

Turns out the DJ was **BROADCASTING** our little chat!

You never know where that opportunity will pop up.

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I have spoken in this column before how easy it can be to get a 'star' to do a PSA (Public Service announcement) for your Team. Pay attention to the events happening in your area and when you see one where a celebrity will be, go there! Be prepared with a recorder of some kind, a microphone if needed and most importantly, A **SCRIPT** of what you want to star to say, assuming he or she agrees to help you.

I have always said, success is 10% prep and 90% hutzpah! Never be afraid to approach a star and ask them to help. They are human beings just like you! In the past, I have gotten country music star LeRoy Van Dyke and NBC Radio Talknet host Bruce Williams to do PSAs for me.

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## NEWS MEDIA

Cultivate a relationship with a newspaper reporter or TV or Radio reporter in your town. Buy them a piece of pie and a coffee. Talk to them and tell them what your Team is all about, what you do and why.

Believe me, there is not a reporter out there who gets paid enough that they wouldn't appreciate a free cup of coffee and pie now and then!

And if they **LIKE YOU**, they are more likely to do stories for you. **FREE** publicity!

Important tip: When you call them, ask one very important question before you do anything else ... "Are you on deadline?" If they are, tell them you'll call back later.

Take my word for it, a working reporter will greatly appreciate that courtesy!

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## And last, but not least... **FACEBOOK.**

Yes, it can be a PITA at times but it can also be the best way to publicize your Team.

Post news of your events but be sure to include **PICTURES** and **DETAILS**. You were there but your reader on Facebook might not have been. Remember the '5 Ws and H' of writing—Who, What, Where, When, Why and How.

Tell people **WHAT** you were doing in the pictures, **WHY** you were doing it, **WHERE** you were doing it, **WHEN** you did it, **WHO** was there and **HOW** you did it. Answer those 6 question in your article and it will be a success. Type it up as if you were telling someone in person what you did.

And be sure to use one of *REACT*'s approved logos in your post! No, you are not claiming to represent *REACT* International in your post, you are representing your Team.

That's it for this month. Watch for more in future *REACT*ers!

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Remember “back in the day”, as they say, monitoring CB channel 9 and helping the occasional person who needed you? We have set up a ZELLO channel to do just that and we **NEED YOUR HELP!** Nearly everyone has a cellphone these days.

If you have Zello on your phone, log in and add the channel [REACT Emergency Channel-9](#) to your device. This channel is open for anyone to listen to or talk on. No registration, no password. If you don't have it, get it at [my.zello.com](http://my.zello.com). Easy and quick install.

We will be posting more info to Facebook telling people this channel is available for them to get help from. Hopefully, we 'go viral' and can start getting people help. Now, in all likelihood, we will not be able to give people local directions because we won't be local. But there ways around that!

**GET ON BOARD!** All we ask of our members is that you monitor the channel and provide help where you can. We ask the public to use the channel as it is intended—NO CHIT CHAT.

**BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!  
MAKE REACT RELEVANT AGAIN!**



# REACT International

## World-Wide All-Mode Net

Join our weekly net on Tuesdays at 8pm Eastern US or 0100UTC



- On Echolink nodes 109779 or 336037
- Allstar & DMR Talk Group 3740
- Winlink REACTNets@Winlink.org
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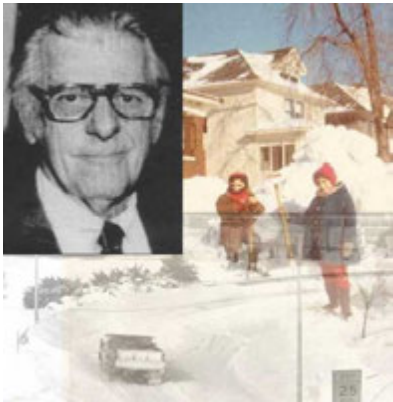
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Public Service Through Communications





# National *REACT* Month 60 Years of Public Service Through Communications

*By the REACT Warning Team Heritage Project*



**1964** - *REACT* is an entirely voluntary organization. The individual *REACT* Teams agreed to work toward a 24-hour monitoring system on channel nine as part of their agreement with *REACT* Headquarters. Through *REACT* Headquarters, 40,000 active *REACT* members had organized into 1,000 local teams throughout the United States and Canada. Sponsorship of *REACT* was made in 1961 by General Motors as a public service and as a highway safety research project. As early as 1964, *REACT* required all of its teams to monitor a single channel, channel 9. All who needed assistance were encouraged to call on channel 9. Thus emerged the concept of a single national emergency channel.



*REACT* Teams quickly found their services needed for more than highway safety. Mike Reese of Herndon (Va.) *REACT* mans the base station for his Team as they provide communications support for the 12th Annual Reston International Soccer Tournament, involving 78 youth soccer teams from across the country.

*(From The REACTer, 1987)*

**1969**, thousands of volunteer monitors were handling emergency calls, with approximately two million radios in use. A *REACT* study showed that, as early as 1966, 1,800,000 incidents were handled annually on channel 9

## *The Birth of Channel 9*

**1964** - In a letter to *REACT* Teams, founder Pete Krieger suggests that CB Channel 9 be used for all emergency communications. The word spread through other media and by CB operators themselves; at the time, there were only 560,000 licensed CB operators in the U.S. *REACT* had grown to 800 Teams.

**1967** - *REACT* petitions the FCC to officially designate CB Channel 9 as reserved for emergency communications.

**1969** - *REACT*, General Motors, and the Ohio State Police carried out a research project to show the effectiveness of CB radio for highway safety. Ohio troopers had CB's installed in their patrol cars for direct communication with the public.

**1970** - The FCC establishes official rules, reserving CB Channel 9 for "emergencies and assistance to travelers."



As *REACT* Teams' role expanded, so did their need for sophisticated communications equipment. Here, members of Gateway (Mo.) *REACT* are outfitting their "new" communications van.

*(From RI files, undated)*

# REACT Emerges as a National Leader In Highway Safety

1977 - REACT launched its highway Safety Break program in cooperation with the American Trucking Association. REACT developed the NEAR (National Emergency Aid Radio) safety program for the U.S. government

## A Team History: Ramsey County (Minn.)

Ramsey County REACT, serving the seven-county Twin Cities area of Minnesota, was chartered on May 10, 1974, and became incorporated in June of 1976. The Charter Members were Larry Andele, Jim Brown, Jim Southworth and E. L. Echerich and Bill Mc Keon, none of whom are still with the team. Present members are Paul Oby, Gene Hess, Rick Link, Joyce Reed and Paul Munns.

We started doing communications for special events with the Roseville, Minn., Police Reserve as they had no communications training at the time and were unfamiliar with most any two-way radio service. Eventually their training included communications so we started doing Safety Breaks and communications for March of Dimes events as well as monitoring CB channel 9. Currently, we monitor CB channel 9, do three Safety Breaks each year, communications for the Rice Street Parade in late July, answer phones for our local Public Television's four Membership Drives yearly, attend the International Convention, attend State Council meetings, belong to Minnesota V.O.A.D., have a display at two Hamfests each year, have a display at the Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers, and participate in a disaster scene communications class annually, as well as any other events that we are asked to do whenever possible.



Mary and Gene Hess are about to show Team President Paul Oby how good their coffee is, as the Ramsey County Team sets up for a Safety Break. (Photo by Rick Link)



1982 - REACT was honored with the first President's Volunteer Action Award (16 awarded out of 2300 nominations).



There were no uniform standards for SKYWARN that began in 1969. The program was struggling to establish a nationwide presence. The National Weather Service asked REACT International if they could assist, so in 1974 REACT surveyed its teams for the NWS in an effort to recruit them into the SKYWARN program. The REACT effort added several teams to National Weather Service resources. Altogether 93 REACT Skywarn teams were recruited by REACT Headquarters from REACT Teams on the east coast, 50 from the southern region, and six from the western region initially. Yielding approximately 6000 REACT members who provided hazardous ground truth observations for the NWS offices initially.

Source: J. A. Riley, Chief, Meteorological Services Division THE ROLE OF THE CITIZENS BAND RADIO SERVICE AND TRAVELERS INFORMATION STATIONS IN CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCIES - FINAL REPORT Defense Civil Preparedness Agency May 15, 1978 Washington, D.C. 20301

# REACT International Continues to Develop Partnerships

With partner organizations that may need the assistance of trained REACT volunteers by signing Memorandums of Understandings With the following:

- ◆ American Red Cross
- ◆ American Radio Relay League
- ◆ National Weather Service
- ◆ National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster
- ◆ Salvation Army
- ◆ Special Olympics



## REACT's Expanding Communications Capabilities



**1980-1990** Although REACT Teams continue to monitor citizens' band radio frequencies; many have expanded their capability to serve all communications modes that the public uses. The '80s and '90s developed Emergency Communications capabilities with FRS or GMRS / FRS Combo Radios. No license is required when using the FRS low .5W power channels. For example, an RRI program called National SOS urges citizens to use FRS channel 1 in emergencies when regular phones and cell phones fail.

MURS or Multi-Use Radio Service Radios is underutilized, and some thought it would become the next CB radio band. Still, inexpensive radios were not yet plentiful at this time. At 2 watts, it has an increased range than FRS and is better in outdoor environments.

Teams widely used GMRS and continued to look at new technologies to assist their mission. Many REACT Teams still utilize General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radios in the 462 MHz UHF band. These are classified as commercial radios and require a license. The effective use of GMRS radios has improved by using repeaters and the 50 watts of power allowed.



1984 REACT assisted in introducing PRCS (Personal Radio Communications Service).

REACT has hundreds of Amateur Radio Operators. To put this license to good use, many teams have a Skywarn team. They use VHF/UHF frequencies, often using their own or local repeaters. Teams conduct many VHF, UHF, and HF Nets around the world.



## REACT Continues to Develop a National Presence

REACT Month, also known as National Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams Month, was first observed during the month of November from 1976 until 1988. It has been observed during the month of May since 1989.

1988 - REACT introduced the CB-9 road sign to advise travelers of monitoring.



## 1990's REACT Begins Actively Developing its Members to be Liaisons

*EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS (EComm)  
CERTIFICATION TRAINING PROGRAM*



REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

To address changing roles and the expanding responsibilities with other agencies in 1991, REACT International published the first in a series of 'Team Training Modules' to advance its monitoring skills. Soon after the introduction to Emergency Communications; a well known course that became a model for other Emergency communications courses



STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING  
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## 2000's First Decade A Time of Change

Over the years, teams formed Councils to provide a reliable mutual aid capability; it put the council's ability to the test. Several Teams assisted the Salvation Army in response to the World Trade Center attacks in New York City. Cellular phone service has nearly eliminated the need for Citizens Band monitoring and GMRS Radios. As all our partners were experiencing, fewer and fewer people were willing to volunteer for the good of their community.



## REACT Team NIMS Resource Guide

Resource Typing  
&  
Team Certification

2011 REACT International began preparing to enter the national scope of disaster response. The Board of Directors of REACT International, Inc. sought to strengthen our organization's commitment to the concepts and principles outlined in the National Incident Command System (NIMS, Presidential Directive HSPD-5).


REACT recognizes and acknowledges the importance of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) in performing missions at the team level.

## Focus on Training and Volunteer Development

Additional *REACT* training materials were developed and published by the Training Committee with an online testing system. Older *REACT* training materials are revised to be more relevant to current best practices and lessons learned.

The following courses are available:

- 101 Emergency Communications
- 102 Introduction to Land Search and Rescue
- 103B Protecting Personal and Sensitive Information
- 103C Using the Zello Voice Training and Operations Nets
- 104 Monitoring
- 105 Introduction to Net Operations
- 106B Family Radio Service
- 109A Messages The Radiogram
- 109B Messages ICS 213 General Message
- 110 Deployment Awareness
- 111 Basics of Drills and Exercises
- 113 Disaster Basics
- 114 Alerting
- 115 The Emergency Operations Plan
- 116 Introduction to Net Control
- 117 Spot Reporting
- 120 Traffic System Operator Basic Familiarization.



When seconds count, REACT needs you...

Community disaster

Proper Training Provides REACT International Volunteers with a large assortment of opportunities to sharpen their knowledge and skills to safely perform EMCOMM communications operations.

Sure, you have skills. Maybe you have an engineering degree. Maybe you have a certificate in using CB 10-Codes and Jargon from thirty years ago. All of these are useful, but unless you know how to use your skills in a disaster response scenario, they can do more harm than good.

REACT International provides skills-based trainings and exercises for REACT International volunteers. All trainings are offered free of charge and work to improve REACT International operational capabilities and capacity. Contact [training@reactintl.org](mailto:training@reactintl.org) for questions and additional details.

REACT Self-Paced Training Courses	REACT Instructor Lead Virtual Courses
101 Emergency Communications	• Phonetic Alphabet and Voicing
102 Introduction to Land Search & Rescue	• Pro-Words
103B Protecting Personal / Sensitive Information	• Effective Radio Procedure in Difficult Conditions
103C Using the Zello Training & Operations Nets	• Basic Radiograms
104 Monitoring	• Advanced Radiograms
105 Introduction to Net Operations	• Effective Radiogram Composition
106B Family Radio Service	• Handling Welfare Messages
109A Messages – The Radiogram	• Voicing Radiograms over Radio, and Zello
109B Messages ICS 213 General Message	• Radiograms by voice Jamboree
110 Deployment Awareness	• Traffic Handlers Round Table
111 Basics of Drills and Exercises	• Sending Radiograms by Winlink
113 Disaster Basics	• ICS 213 Basics
114 Alerting	• ICS 213 Advanced
115 The Emergency Operations Plan	• Basic Winlink Operation
116 Introduction to Net Control	• Advanced Winlink Operations
117 Spot Reporting	• Net Control Station Basics
120 Traffic System Operator Basics	• Net Manager Best Practices
	• Notebook, Paper and Google Sheets Logging

*REACT* members are also encouraged to complete four Federal Emergency Management Agency independent study courses. That is a standard requirement for participation in emergency and disaster communications in any volunteer emergency communications organization:

- IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- IS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction
- IS-800 National Response Framework, An Introduction

When a member has completed these courses, it is indicated on their ID card



## REACT International Starts Its Own Traffic System

**2017:** The mission of the Traffic System is to provide training for REACT members in handling formal written messages in emergencies and disasters and to support REACT Teams and REACT International by receiving, recording, and transmitting administrative and emergency messages during routine operations, exercises, drills, emergencies, and disasters.



**REACT TRAFFIC SYSTEM  
FIELD OPERATIONS  
GUIDE (RTS FOG)  
5 JULY 2018**

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The image shows two forms. The left form is titled 'REACT INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM RADIOGRAM ALL MODE RF VOICE'. It includes fields for 'TO', 'FROM', 'PRECEDENCE', 'NO', 'STATION OF ORIGIN', 'CHECK', 'PLACE OF ORIGIN', 'SIGNATURE', 'DATE', 'TIME', and 'RECEIVED'. The right form is titled 'REACT, IRI & IRI'S TRAFFIC SYSTEM PREAMBLE AND ROUTING (OPTIONAL) for Voice Transmissions' and includes fields for 'GENERAL MESSAGE (ICS 213)', 'SUBJECT', 'PRIORITY', 'CLASSIFICATION', 'STATION', 'DATE', 'TIME', and 'RECEIVED'. Both forms have a REACT logo at the top.

## REACT Fusion Center

**2021** Established to support emergency communication and coordination between REACT Teams and REACT International Headquarters and supported emergency response and relief organizations by providing advisories, and situation awareness reports to teams, directors, headquarters, and the communities impacted.



It acts as a clearinghouse for information derived from many reliable government sources. The Fusion Center also provides alerting and warning messages. Receives situation reports and ground truth observations from REACT Teams during disaster exercises and actual emergencies and disasters. Operating alternate communication pathways in disasters for supported organizations.

## REACT a Weather Ready Nation & Weather Ready Marine Ambassador 2021 and 2022



## REACT Celebrates its 60th Anniversary

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**NAME** of Photographer

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## **SEE HOW EASY THAT WAS?**

So Easy, even a caveman could do it! (sorry, Geico, I couldn't resist)





# Silent Mics



It is with a heavy heart that we inform the *REACT* Family of the passing of these members



## **William R (Bill) Sutton** **1949-2022**

William was born on November 22, 1949 in Arkadelphia, AK to Hubert and Euna (Faye) Sutton. He married Cecilia Trevino. William worked as a parts man for the city of Dallas. He is survived by his wife, Cecilia; sons, William Robert Sutton, Lewis Sutton, James Sutton, Matthew Sutton; step daughter, Sarah Leonard and husband, Kyle; stepson, David Oakley and wife, Samantha; grandchildren, Payton Leonard, Luke Leonard, Marissa Gilder, Preston Vincent, Christina Sutton, Eli Oakley, Taylor Oakley and Sadie Oakley; brother, Richard Sutton; sisters, Barbara Dailey and Mona Foxx; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

William was preceded in death by his parents.



## **Beverly F. Roland** **1956-2022**

Beverly Joan Roland, 65, of Morganton, NC, passed away Sunday, April 24, 2022. Born in Burke County, NC on November 9, 1956, she was the daughter of the late Frank Jones Fleming and Betty A. McGalliard Fleming. Beverly was a member of Calvin Heights Baptist Church. She was a 911 dispatcher and member of Burke County REACT for 27 years. She was dedicated to serving the citizens of Burke County. Beverly loved her family and taking trips to the beach.

She is survived by her son, Greg Tuttle (Patricia); grandchildren, Brandon and Christine Tuttle; and her feline companion, Evie.



# REACT CATALOG

These items are available for use by Teams. Current and historical items.

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<p>Volunteer add-on patch</p>  <p>Item RC21 <b>\$2.00</b></p>	<p>Volunteer add-on patch orange</p>  <p>Item RC22 <b>\$2.00</b></p>	<p>REACT Life member patch</p>  <p>Item RC23 <b>\$3.00</b></p>	<p>REACT Emergency Info card</p>  <p>Item RC24 <b>Sold Out</b></p>
<p>REACT 21st Anniv. patch</p>  <p>Item RC25 <b>\$3.00</b></p>	<p>REACT Foil Member sticker</p>  <p>Item RC26 <b>\$1.00</b></p>	<p>T-Shirt—white</p>  <p>Item RC27 <b>\$11.00</b></p>	<p>T Shirt—black</p>  <p>Item RC28 <b>Sold Out</b></p>
<p>Face Mask</p>  <p>Item RC29 <b>\$4.00</b></p>	<p>Baseball cap</p>  <p>Item RC30 <b>\$10.00</b></p>	<p>Laptop case</p>  <p>Item RC31 <b>\$10.00</b></p>	<p>Check back for more products later</p>

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