



PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS

RADIO

EMERGENCY

ASSOCIATED

COMMUNICATION

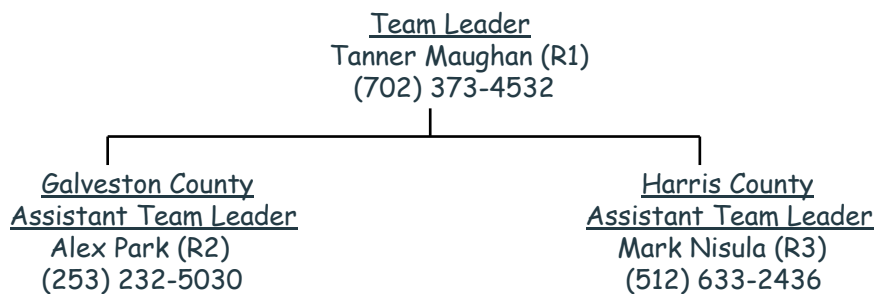
TEAMS

Welcome to Membership Orientation.

Thank You for your interest in becoming a member of the Harris / Galveston County REACT.
During this presentation we will cover many questions you might have including:

What is REACT	Safety
Benefits of Joining	Uniforms & Dress Code
Expectation	Disaster Response
Training	Membership Dues
Radio Communication	Meetings

Team Leadership and Contact Information



What is React International?

The mission of REACT International is to provide public safety communications to individuals, organizations, and government agencies to save lives, prevent injuries, and give assistance wherever and whenever needed. We will strive to establish a monitoring network of trained volunteer citizen-based communicators using any and all means to deliver the message.

The History of REACT



The idea of using CB Radio in an organized way for emergency communications was born in a Chicago snowstorm using the CB to get help for a young family broken down on an expressway with a very sick child.

On January 23 rd, 1962, REACT's founder, Henry B Kreer, convinced Hallicrafters Company to sponsor the REACT Program. The initial requirements for a Team were three members who agreed to monitor hours for CB Emergencies and the first REACT colors were red and black. There were no dues or other requirements except to comply with federal and state regulations.

The History of REACT



By 1964, it was determined that there was a need for a National CB Emergency Channel. REACT National Headquarters asked all REACT Teams to monitor the channel as a voluntary emergency channel; REACT was up to 800 Teams by this time.

In 1967, REACT was instrumental in a movement to convince the FCC to designate Channel 9 as the CB Emergency Channel. In 1976, REACT's first Board of Directors was started and REACT was represented at the White House Conference on CB Radio. REACT Month also began during 1976 as was it granted recognition as a fully tax exempt organization from the IRS. All teams are included under this Group Exemption. This is the first time that REACT was able to receive Tax Deductible Donations.

The History of REACT



In 1982, at the REACT International Convention, the President's Volunteer Action Award was received. REACT also expanded into the United Kingdom during this year with the addition of more than 200 teams. In addition participation from Teams in South Africa, Australia and other places around the world were the highlight of REACT's 20 th Anniversary. Membership at this time was over 1000 Teams and 18000 Members Worldwide.

Houston Metro Emergency REACT - 1990's

When the Southeast Texas floods hit Brazoria County, Texas in late December of 1991; Brazoria County REACT #2988 and Houston Metro Emergency REACT #4098 became an active part in the disaster relief of the high waters with 23 people working as American Red Cross Volunteers.



(From Left to Right) Philip Eakin and Allen Tyler of Brazoria County REACT #2988 and David Dearing, Bill Morical, Eric Morical, and Ed Willford of Houston Metro Emergency REACT #4098 working as Red Cross volunteers in Brazoria County, Texas during the floods that came December, 1991.

Where is REACT Today



The REACT of the 21 st Century is not the same REACT of the 20 th Century. REACT has grown out of necessity to cover additional communication functions such as FRS (Family Radio Service), GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service), MURS, Amateur Radio as well as other Radio Frequencies too numerous to mention.

Many teams monitor all of the above services as well as provide communications assistance to events in their local areas. Some teams are active in CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Teams) at many levels from providing expanded communications capabilities to actually having members who are fully trained to deploy as responders to disaster areas to provide assistance on the ground to help protect lives and property after a disaster occurs.

Harris / Galveston REACT Team # 6272



Our Mission :

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Serving the Cities of Baytown, Bellaire, Chambersine, Crosby, Cypress, Deer Park, Galena Park, Highlands, Houston, Houston, Humble, Humble, Humble, Katy, Kingwood, La Porte, Pasadena, Seabrook, South Houston, Spring, Tomball, Waller, Webster in Harris County and Galveston, Bayport, Dickinson, Friendswood, Galveston, Gilchrist, High Island, Hitchcock, Kemah, La Marque, League City, Port Bolivar, Santa Fe, Texas City, in Galveston County

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Radio

To maintain equipment at peak efficiency and operate in accordance with all government regulations.



Emergency

To assist in any emergency by furnishing radio communications in cooperation with authorities & others.



Communications

To practice and encourage operating excellence through skilled communications techniques.

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Goals

- Team Members Training
- Communication
- Establish Public Relations
- Work with other organizations



Benefits of Joining REACT

Member Benefits:

- Individual & Team Trainings
- Giving back to the community
- Feeling a sense of accomplishment
- Gaining skills and real-world experience
- Connecting with like-minded people
- Volunteering on a flexible schedule



Benefits of Joining REACT

Additional Benefits:

- \$1 Million General Liability Insurance
- Access to The REACTer, a periodical for you the membership, by the membership
- REACT International Training Program
- Access to exclusive REACTer Merchandise (When Available)



Benefits of Joining REACT

Savings & Discounts:

- Alamo Car Rental Discounts
- Corporate Perks offers savings at over 28,000 merchants
- Tickets at Work offers exclusive travel and entertainment
- Working Advantage offers a variety of entertainment and shopping discounts



Expectation of Team Members

Participation:

- Meetings
- Trainings
- Planned Events
- Disaster Response

Professional:

- Political & Religious Bias
- Gender Discrimination
- Sexual Harassment
- Social Media Posting



Expectation of Team Members



Consoling and Discipline:

- Verbal Consoling
- Write Consoling
- Suspension or Termination

Leadership:

- Follow Chain of Command
- Lead from the front not the rear
- Always train your replacement

Expectation of Team Members



**LEAVE OF
ABSENCE**

Leave of absence

We understand that life sometime get in the way of volunteering. We ask that if you need to take a extended leave of absence that you communicate with your Team Leader.

If, membership dues are while on a extended leave, you must still pay dues.

Training



Information

- Training Schedule
- Classroom vs Computer Bases
- Testing and Record Keeping
- ICS 100 / 200 / 700 / 800
- REACT Intl. Modules
- Skywarn
- Aux Comm
- CPR / First Aid
- Specialize Training
- Drills & Joint Training

Training



Record Keeping

Email all certificates to:
info@hgreact.org

Communication Plan



- Texas GMRS Network (primary)
- South Coast Reflection (secondary & Skywarn)
- Zello (Internet Based)
- Simplex CB / FRS / MURS
- Text Message / Email
- GMRS License (\$35)
- Amateur Radio Test & License (\$15 + \$35 + \$50)
- ARRL Field Day Participation



Safety (Go Home a Hero)



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| -Follow Team Leaders Directions | -Roadway Safety |
| -Buddy System | -Responding using POV (Ambers Only) |
| -PPE | -Staging and Setup (Workzone) |
| -Hi-Vis Reflective Vest around vehicle | -Use the right tool for the job |
| -Safety Glasses/Gloves | -Accident Forms |
| -Appropriate Clothing (See Dress Code) | -Post incident follow-up |

Dress Code

For Meetings

- H/G REACT T-Shirts
- Personal Hygiene

Disaster Response

- At discretion of Team Leaders

For Events

- ID Badges
- Pants / Shorts
- Footwear
- Jewelry & Accessories



Disaster Response



- Disaster Response Starts with Training
- Review Pre incident action plans
- No self activation
- Activation is based on Team Leadership
- Notifications will be sent via Text Message

- Activation Check-in
- Team Leaders will assign tasks
- Coordinate Responded & Resources
- Accountability
- Post incident Dismissal

Membership Application & Dues

- Apply Online (paper upon request)
- Dues structure
 - REACT Intl. (+\$35)
 - Liability Insurance (+\$10)
 - Uniforms (+\$20)
- Renewals
 - Early Bird Special (before Dec. 25)
- Keep us updated if information changes



Weekly Check-in & Monthly Meetings



REACT - World Wide Zello Net Saturday 8 pm

On Air - Weekly Check-ins every Sunday at 5:30 pm on Texas GMRS Network.

In Person - Monthly Meeting 4th Saturday at 3:30 pm

Upcoming goals

Increase Membership

Communication Trailer

Joint Training & Exercises

Help with local events



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