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- Public Service Through Communications -

Thank you for wanting to learn more about REACT, our [history](#), and [what we offer to you as a future member](#).

REACT is a public service organization comprised of private radio operators serving travelers and their communities alike with radio communications. Member volunteers are dedicated to improving their communities by providing voluntary, two-way communications.

Purposes include:

the correct usage of CB Emergency Channel 9.

developing the skilled use of the CB Radio Service, GMRS (UHF), Amateur with packet, BBS, Cellular and other radio services as additional sources of communications in emergencies.

coordinating efforts with other emergency organizations including Police, FEMA, NOAA, RACES, ARES, NOVAD, the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

providing public service communications for travelers and their local communities.

using their radios in the interest of public safety. Many teams monitor Citizens Band [CB] Radio Emergency Channel 9. Many also use radios called General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) and have access to local GMRS Repeaters, generally on the 462.675 MHz frequency. Some teams have more than one repeater, or may be on different frequencies.

Today's **REACT** Teams provide Safety Radio assistance for community events such as:

parades,

runs,

walk-a-thons,

bike tours,

boat races and even

hot air balloon festivals.

REACT Since 1962, REACT has been the leader in public service radio. Because of our efforts, REACT is a recipient of the **President's Volunteer Action Award**. Now you can be part of our prestigious international



organization. Our member teams work to "assist in and improve" their local communities, work an untold number of small local emergencies ranging from single family house fires, multi-unit apartment fires, brush fires, chemical spills, train derailments, to assisting during shelter operations by the Red Cross, Salvation Army or other agencies during floods, and of course our relentless monitoring of Emergency CB Channel 9.

REACT OBJECTIVES

- . To assist in any emergency by furnishing radio communications in cooperation with authorities and other volunteer organizations.
- . To practice and encourage operating excellence through skilled communications techniques.
- . To maintain equipment at peak efficiency and operate in accordance with all government regulations.
- . To advise the public on correct, effective use of CB Emergency Channel 9.

REACT COOPERATION

Teams participate in their communities' disaster preparedness plans through cooperative agreements with the [American National Red Cross](#), the [Salvation Army](#), and the [National Weather Service](#). Full text of these agreements are available for reading below, by clicking on the appropriate icon for each agency.

In addition, REACT International is a participating member of [National VOAD](#) (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters). Many of our State Council organizations and local Teams are also members of their State or sub-state chapters of VOAD.

REACT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Receive The REACTer magazine.
- Authorized to wear REACT apparel.
- Authorized to use REACT I.D. materials.
- Discounts on car rentals, hotels, etc.
- Discounts from K40 Electronics
- Training materials.
- Insurance coverage (Group Liability, Optional Accidental)
- Regional, national, and international activities.

JOIN REACT NOW

More REACT volunteers are needed to ensure everyone gets help when needed. Every emergency call requires a monitor to succeed. It's as simple as that. For more information on how to join REACT, send e-mail to [REACT International, Inc.](mailto:react@reactintl.org) at our headquarters in Suitland, Maryland (Just outside of Washington, DC).

Or... click on over to our [Electronic Publications \[E-Pubs\]](#) download page. You can download any of the documents and view them from your local hard drive. Included is a very informative, yet informal guide with step-by-step instructions on "How to Start a REACT Team in 14 Simple Steps" and much, much more. It contains step by step instructions for an experienced REACT member or team to help organize a new team, plus training guides/suggestions and some posters or signs to use as examples or for actual use.

Even if you are not an experienced REACT member, but are seeking to start a team, the information has proven to be of value to you as well. If you have any questions or suggestions for improvement of this document, please e-mail the document's author at lbesing@reactintl.org. A printed copy is available via US Mail thru REACT International at minimal cost.

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