



Team Charter Application

Congratulations on Your interest in forming a new *REACT* Team.

When you received your *REACT* Team Charter Application a letter was sent to the nearest Council of *REACT* Teams and Regional Director. During the process of forming a new team you should contact the Council or Director for any Information that you might need.

The completed Team Charter Application (including Charter fee and membership dues), and this form must be sent to the designated Council or Director (If there is not a local Council), for their approval and signature. When the Team Charter has been approved, the council / Director will send the completed package to *REACT* International Inc. for the preparation of the Charter and Membership Cards.

If you are applying for a charter in the state of Texas, please mail the completed forms to
Texas State REACT Council
PO Box 180922
Austin, TX 78718-0922

Contact us via e-mail at "membership@texasreact.org" or visit our website at www.texasreact.org for more contact info. We're here to help you get started and keep going strong!

Council / Director Approval of Team Charter

Council name _____

Council Officer Signature _____

Approval Date _____

Date Sent to *REACT* International Inc. _____

Date received by *REACT* International _____

Team Charter # Issued: _____

RI Approval Date _____

Naming Your New Team

The name your Team selects will be the most important single public relations decision it ever makes. It will impact on all of Your Team's future P.R. efforts. Your Team's identity as a local element of *REACT* International is a major membership benefit. You will want to utilize it to your maximum advantage.

Tips in naming Your Team

- 1) *REACT* must be in the Team name
- 2) The name should be as brief as possible
- 3) Your name should pinpoint Your location

Using these simple guidelines to select Your Team name will result in easier identification of Your Team by the Public and the media.

REACT Brief History

REACT was founded in 1962 in Chicago, Illinois U.S.A. by Pete Kreer. The Hallcrafters radio company was a founding sponsor and then later replaced by General Motors. Today *REACT* International is no longer funded by any one corporation.

REACT became an international organization in 1970 with Teams forming in Canada, and in 1975 *REACT* International became incorporated in the State of Illinois. And continued to grow to become the worlds largest organized emergency communications organization.

In 1999 *REACT* International Inc. reorganized the Board of Directors to form nine regions, eight in the United States and one Director to serve all Teams outside of the United States.



TEAM CHARTER

APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

REACT TEAM ELIGIBILITY

The Applicants certify that we are duly authorized or licensed to operate in one or more of the Personal Radio Services. We desire to use our 2-way radios in order to help others and, to this end, desire to become a **REACT** Team in order to carry out one or more of the purposes of **REACT** International, Inc., as listed below. We agree to maintain a Team membership of at least three members (At least one must be over the age of 18).

OFFICIAL TEAM NAME & ADDRESS

The proposed Team name must have the word "**REACT**" in it. Try for reasonable length (maximum label space is 30 characters or spaces). **REACT** International will maintain only one address as your Official Team Address. It may be the home or business address of the President or other Officer, or you may wish to have a Team P.O. Box. This is where we will send Membership Cards, "Team Topics" newsletters, various bulletins, etc.

*Team# _____ Team Name _____

Street Address (or P.O. Box) _____

City _____ County/Parish _____ State/Prov. _____

Zip (Postal Code) _____ Country/Commonwealth _____

Telephone (_____) _____ (_____) _____ Fax

E-Mail Address: _____ Web Address: _____

***REACT** International will assign the Team Charter Number

STATUS OF GROUP/TEAM

 Mark boxes as applicable or fill in Blanks.

Existing Organization Name _____ Date Established ____/____/____

Incorporated. Date ____/____/____ State/Province _____
(Please attach Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws)

Above group already holds a 501(c)(3) or other nonprofit exemption.
(Please attach determination letter from the IRS or applicable Revenue Department from your Country)

Our Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) (if applicable in your country) is _____

The State/Province of _____ has issued our group a nonprofit certificate /status (as evidenced by attached copy of document or letter).

Number of present members: _____ active + _____ inactive = total # _____ members

Operate (CB) Citizens Band Radio (primary channels) _____, _____, _____

Operate Amateur Radio -- Provide current Club Call Sign (if applicable) _____

GMRS Repeater Yes No If Yes, what subaudible tone _____ Hz

Do you have a Group GMRS License? If Yes, the license is _____ and renews on ____/____/____

FORMED FOR THE PURPOSES OF:

- 1) To develop the use of the Personal Radio Services as an additional source of communications for emergencies, disasters, and as an emergency aid to individuals;
- 2) To establish 24-hour volunteer monitoring of emergency calls, particularly over officially designated emergency frequencies, (from Personal Radio Service operator) and reporting such calls to appropriate emergency authorities;
- 3) To promote transportation safety by developing programs that provide information and communications assistance to motorists;
- 4) To coordinate efforts with and provide communication help to other groups, (e.g.), Red Cross, Civil Defense, and local, state and federal authorities, during emergencies and disasters;
- 5) To develop and administer public information projects demonstrating and publicizing the potential benefits and the proper use of Personal Radio Service to individuals, organizations, industry and government; and
- 6) To participate in citizens crime prevention programs where established by appropriate law enforcement agencies;
- 7) To further the above purposes by assisting the chartering of local REACT Teams who will carry out programs implementing the purposes of the cooperation on a local basis.

MONITORING OBJECTIVE

We agree that one of our major objectives is to establish and maintain, as a public service, a twenty-four hour monitoring station or system of the emergency frequencies authorized by our country (i.e., FCC, DOC, DTI). We are planning to achieve our twenty-four hour monitoring schedule by utilizing the following plan or plans: (Check one or more plans.)

By members from home base stations.

By members at a central monitor base station.

Other (Please Specify Briefly) _____

When operating Citizens Band Radio, or its equivalent in other countries, we agree to monitor Official Emergency Channel 9 (or its equivalent) as our primary emergency channel. We will use channel _____ as our Team work channel. We further agree to establish a monitoring capability on any official Personal Radio Service emergency frequency that may be so designated in the future (within our communications capabilities).

REACT NONPROFIT 501(c)(3) RECOGNITION

REACT International, Inc., has qualified for and is recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization which purposes are charitable and educational in nature. All U.S. REACT Teams chartered and in good standing with REACT International are included under our IRS nonprofit status; group exemption #2746 was issued in 1976. Canadian Teams are included under our REACT Canada, Inc., charitable registration number 0761411-59. International affiliated teams are required to comply with the standards of accountability expressed in this application.

Unless stated otherwise in writing, all U.S. Team charters are issued with the express written consent to utilize REACT International, Inc.'s, 501(c)(3) IRS group exemption. Whereas, all funds raised by the Team are under this exemption and in the name of REACT, all such funds are to be used for REACT purposes. (All team income and expenditures should be accounted for and reported to REACT International on an annual basis.)

REACT RIGHTS AND USE:

The Applicants acknowledge and understand that, by recognition as a REACT Team, no rights or authority will be conferred upon us by REACT International, Inc., other than its limited permission to employ the "REACT" name and "REACT" insignia to identify us in our Team activities, and such other rights granted by the bylaws of REACT International, Inc., and to evidence that we have agreed to abide by this document and all other uniform rules of operation of the REACT program. The Applicants agree that at all times, as individuals or as a team, we will operate in strict accordance with all City, State and Federal laws - particularly F.C.C. Rules or comparable regulations in other countries.

The Applicants acknowledge, if recognized, that the permission granted to employ the name "REACT" will be solely at the pleasure of REACT International, Inc. The Applicants agree that we will employ "REACT" only while we continue to be recognized by REACT International, Inc., and only for purposes related to approved REACT activities. We agree to promptly discontinue the use of "REACT" (as a part of our Team or corporate name or in any other way) at any time that we are notified to do so or at any time we cease to qualify or be recognized as a REACT Team.

CHARTER

We understand that our Team Charter remains the property of *REACT* International, Inc., and we agree to surrender it on demand.

This Charter Agreement is between *REACT* International, Inc., and applicant Team. The terms and conditions stated herein are binding upon the successors, heirs, officers and members of the applicant Team. Only *REACT* International, Inc., may modify this agreement by advance written notice to the Team at its official address.

MEMBERSHIP OF *REACT* TEAM

Dues are determined by membership type. Duly qualified Teams may have several categories of membership within the Team. However, *REACT* International, Inc., only recognizes the following classifications of members registered with *REACT* International, Inc., in order to provide membership benefits and services: Regular, Family, Junior, Life, Honorary

- REGULAR:** An adult member whose name is registered with *REACT* International, Inc, as a paid up Regular member of the Team.
- FAMILY:** An adult in the same household as a Regular member and whose name is registered with *REACT* International, Inc., as a paid up Family member of the Team.
- JUNIOR:** Any individual under the age of 18 and whose name is registered with *REACT* International, Inc., as a paid up Junior member of the Team.
- LIFE:** A Team member whose name is registered with *REACT* International, Inc., as a paid up Life Member in accordance with policy in effect at the time of acceptance.
- HONORARY:** Any individual, group of individuals, association, corporation or other entity interested in developing the use of Personal Radio Services as emergency communications sources may be chosen as an Honorary member of the Team by a two-thirds vote of the Team membership. No dues or records are kept at International for Honorary members. Honorary Members are **not** active on the team and are not covered by RI Insurance.

After one member of a household is registered at the Regular rate, each additional adult member at the same address is eligible for reduced rate as a Family member. There is no difference in status between Regular, Junior and Family memberships, and the membership cards and other materials each receives will be identical, **EXCEPT** that the family member will not receive an individual copy of **the REACTer**, official publication of *REACT* International.

REACT TEAM RECOGNITION TERMS AND AGREEMENT

The Applicants agree to the following operational terms and conditions of this charter agreement. We (applicant) agree:

- To submit the required *REACT* International dues for each and every Team member upon their joining the Team and during the annual renewal period. All annual renewals are due by January 31st;
- To submit any and all Team fees upon request by *REACT* International, and to pay all debts for goods and services to *REACT* International on a timely basis;
- To submit Team members' complete name, address and personal data as requested by International with annual renewals or upon change;
- To annually submit a list of all Team officers, their complete name, position and term of office;
- To submit copies of Team incorporation papers and bylaws when applicable;
- To notify *REACT* International immediately of change of Team address;
- To provide *REACT* International, upon request, copies of Team meeting minutes, newsletters, financial records, IRS form 990 filings (if applicable in your country) and other details of team activities;
- To maintain the minimum eligibility standards of *REACT* International;
- To support the purposes of *REACT* International;
- To abide by all FCC rules; and
- To further the growth of *REACT* by fostering interaction and cooperation between *REACT* Teams and promoting the goals of *REACT* in our local area.

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

The Applicants understand and hereby agree that recognition of our Team, if granted, shall in no way authorize us to bind, obligate or act for *REACT* International, Inc., or any other *REACT* Team, or the Board of Directors, or other personnel assigned by *REACT* International, Inc. We acknowledge that the members of our Team accept sole responsibility for all acts or omissions of our Team or its members. Therefore, we agree to indemnify and hold harmless *REACT* International and its officers for any acts by our Team.

SUSPENSION, TERMINATION, AND TEAM DISSOLUTION

The Applicants understand and agree that recognition as a *REACT* Team may be suspended or terminated by *REACT* International, Inc. The grounds for suspension or termination shall include (but not be limited to) any of the following:

- Failure to maintain the requisite membership, scale of activity, or necessary equipment;
- Failure to adhere to our undertakings contained in this Application, including non-payment of the Team fee, or annual dues for Team members;
- Violation of F.C.C. regulations or their equivalent in other countries, or other conduct or behavior tending to place personal two-way radio activity (or its equivalent) in disrepute, or to be inconsistent with the highest standards of public service to which the *REACT* program is dedicated.

Upon the dissolution or termination of the Team Charter the Team shall: Pay or make provision for the payment of all the Team's liabilities, and disburse all of the assets of the Team by donation to *REACT* International, Inc., or donation to a like organization as required by current IRS 501(c)(3) regulations (or the tax laws in your country if outside USA). A full, complete audited accounting statement of disbursements shall be submitted to *REACT* International, Inc., within 45 days of dissolution.

AMENDMENTS

REACT International, Inc., reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision obtained herein in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all rights conferred on to *REACT* Teams and members herein are granted subject to this reservation.

ACCEPTANCE

The Applicant, _____ Team, hereby authorizes the acceptance of this Agreement with *REACT* International, Inc., to be recognized as a *REACT* Team and receive all rights and benefits provided for in this Agreement by *REACT* International, Inc.

For the Team

Authorized Signature **X** _____

Date ____/____/____

Name (Printed) _____

Title _____

For *REACT* International, Inc.

Authorized Signature **X** _____

Date ____/____/____



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REACT

CHARTER APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

(NOTE: This information will assist us in evaluating your application and in providing valuable services to all REACT Teams. Please answer as many of these questions as possible.)

I. Proposed Team Services

A. What geographic area do you intend to serve? (Be as specific as possible, and please take care to spell the names of cities, counties, etc., correctly.)

B. What other services does your Team plan to provide?

- Communications for community events
- Neighborhood "crime watch" patrols
- Communications assistance for disaster relief agencies
- Other: _____

C. Have you discussed your Team's plan with the following officials?

- Mayor/City Manager (or representative)
- Police Chief
- County/Parrish Sheriff
- State/Province Police/Highway Patrol (local commander)
- Fire Chief
- Emergency Preparedness Officer
- EMS or Ambulance Company Chief/Manager
- Local Disaster Relief Agency officials:
 - American Red Cross
 - Salvation Army
 - Other: _____

(If available, enclose copies of Letters of Endorsement from the officials or agencies with whom you have reached agreements concerning your Team's proposed activities/services.)

II. Team Resources

A. How many of the following items do your Team or members presently have, and how many do you plan to have within the next year?

	HAVE NOW	PLAN TO HAVE
<input type="checkbox"/> CB central base station(s)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> CB home base station(s)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> CB mobile radio(s)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> CB portable radios (walkie-talkie)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> GMRS (UHF-FM) base station(s)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> GMRS mobile radio(s)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> GMRS portable radios (walkie-talkie)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> GMRS repeater(s)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Amateur radio base station(s)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Amateur radio mobile(s)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Amateur radio portables/handhelds	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Amateur radio repeater(s)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications vehicle(s)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other communications equipment: _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

B. If you presently have, or plan to have, any GMRS or Amateur radio equipment, what frequencies will you use?

GMRS: _____

Amateur: _____

C. Where does your Team plan to meet, and when?

Location: _____

Street Address _____

Town

State/Prov.

Postal Code

Regular Meeting Date: _____

Time: _____

(e.g. 1st Monday of month)

Name

Unit Number



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

REACT is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, with all volunteer members. All dues and many expenses of members are tax deductible.

Membership is open to all interested persons who complete this application, pay the specified dues, and meet the requirements of membership, as specified in the Team's bylaws and corporate charter.

There is no requirement (condition of membership) for applicants nor members to hold any special radio licenses, although many members have obtained Amateur, GMRS, and other licenses in order to further their personal abilities to communicate.

The information that you provide on this application will be kept confidential by the *REACT* Team's Board of Directors. This application form becomes the property of the *REACT* Team and will not be returned. Willful falsification of information on this application will be reasonable grounds for termination of membership. A copy of the *REACT* Team's bylaws will be made available. There will be no discrimination based upon age, sex, religion, or ethnic origin.



REACT is the recipient of the President's Volunteer Action Award.



"Providing Public Service through Radio Communications Since 1962"



Please TYPE or PRINT neatly on this Membership Application.

(All fields should be filled in, or marked N/A if not applicable.)

Personal Information: <i>This information is required. Please fill in all fields, or mark N/A if not applicable.</i>					
Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)			Social Security Number		Age
Address			Apt #		
City		State/Province		Zip/Postal Code	
Home Phone		Pager / Alternate Phone		E-Mail Address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Unlisted		<input type="checkbox"/> Voice <input type="checkbox"/> Digital			
Birth Date (Month, Day, Year)		Sex	Marriatal Status	# of Children	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married		
Spouse's Name (if applicable)		REACT Member?	Children's Names		Age
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes			Member?
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Drivers License and Vehicle Insurance Infomation: <i>Many of our official activities may require driving a vehicle while identified as a REACT member.</i>					
Drivers License #		State/Province		Expires	
Insurance Company / Agent Name		Policy Type		Renewal Date	
Phone #		<input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive <input type="checkbox"/> Liability Only			
Vehicle #1 Make: _____ Yr: _____		Vehicle #2 Make: _____ Yr: _____			
Model: _____ Color: _____		Model: _____ Color: _____			
4x4? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		4x4? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Employment Infomation: <i>It is our Policy not to release work locations or phone numbers without the prior permission member involved. However, it is of benefit to the Team to be aware of where our members are employed, to avoid cases of conflict of interest, or accidently jepardizing a member's job.</i>					
Place of Employment:			Position/Duties		
Address			Phone Number		Extension
City		State/Province		Zip/Postal Code	
Radio Infomation: <i>Since REACT is a radio oreinted organization, it is important for us to know what radio background you might have, and what radio equipment you have access to. Failure to supply this information will not affect your application for membership.</i>					
Citizen Band (CB) Radio: Base units _____ Mobile units _____ W/T's _____ #channels _____					
Licensed Amateur: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Call Sign: _____ License Class: _____ Exp.Date: _____					
Licensed GMRS: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Call Sign: _____ License Class: _____ Exp.Date: _____					

Other Organizations involved with: *Due to the multitude of other agencies or organizations that REACT works closely with, it is important for us to know what other organizations, clubs, etc. that you may currently belong to. This information will enable us to determine the amount of time that you may be able to contribute as a member of REACT in time of emergency. For example, belonging to a Volunteer Fire Department may cause a conflict if REACT is called out at the same time to help with the fire. Your duties with the VFD may take priority over those in REACT, thus making you unavailable at times. No member is expected to be always 100% available. There will always be times when your family, church, employment, or other obligations may take priority over REACT Team meetings or activities.*

Name	Purpose of organization	Your Position
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Personal References:

REACT membership carries a heavy responsibility. Our members must be able to work closely with law enforcement officers and the general public in a position of trust and responsibility. This is the reason for requesting three (3) non-family references.

Name	Address or Contact Phone Number	Relation
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Reason(s) for wanting to become a member: *Briefly state why you wish to be a REACT member.*



Personal Skills / Training / Hobbies:

*REACT members come from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. It is extremely helpfull to the REACT Board of Directors to be aware of any special skills, training, or hobbies that may be of use to the team. This includes also such things as radio electronics, communications, computer programming or repair, special drivers licenses, medical training, disaster training or experience. The list is endless. **Failure to supply this information will not affect your application for membership.***

Many of our events which we work, often provide items such as T-Shirts to the volunteers who work the event. While we prefer that our members wear their uniform shirts rather than these T-Shirts during the event, we still need to know your preferred T-Shirt Size to aid in telling the event sponsors how many of which sizes we need them to provide. Please indicate below, your **preferred t-shirt size**. {It doesn't have to be your actual size, and you may change it later if you wish.}

- Small
 Medium
 Large
 X-Large
 XX-Large
 XXX-Large
 (all sizes are ADULT)

