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Amateur Radio Operators experience to help ensure Smooth Event

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Before dawn this Saturday morning 30 members of the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Emergency Service will deploy along the route of the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Half Marathon to provide the communications needed to run the event. While this is only the 2nd year for this event; the members of ARES bring their years of experience from supporting the Manitoba Marathon since its inception.

"This event is great practice for us as we need to be able to operate in all kinds of weather and the darkness provides an extra challenge" said Jeff Dovyak the local Emergency Coordinator for Winnipeg ARES.

Dan Michalchuk from the organizing committee said *"We are very pleased with Amateur Radio volunteering their time once again to assist us in event day Communications. Last year was a huge success thanks to ARES."*

Public Service Events like this are used by the 67 members of Winnipeg ARES to practice providing communications during emergencies such as this summers flooding in Alberta which saw many Amateur Radio Operators called into action. .

Ham radio has always been one of the primary means of communications after disasters like severe weather, earthquakes and wildfires.
