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AMATEUR RADIO PROVIDES EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AT MARATHON

A dedicated team of 30 volunteer Amateur Radio Operators (“Hams”) will provide runner safety and emergency communications at the 2010 ING Miami Marathon and Half-Marathon®.

Amateur Radio operators across the country have been providing emergency communications when other systems failed or are overloaded in a crisis for over 95 years. It’s a worldwide hobby that instantly turns into a life saving service whenever there is a disaster or large-scale emergency.

On September 11th, it was ham radio that kept New York City agencies in touch with each other after their command centers were destroyed. When hurricanes like Katrina, Rita and Wilma or tornadoes or floods knock out other communications, ham radio provides vital life-and-death services.

In non-emergencies, they provide runner safety and logistics communications for hundreds of marathons, bikeathons and parades, large and small, around the U.S. Ham operators in the U.S. are federally licensed and have all passed tests on electronic theory and regulations.

The ham operators working the 2010 ING Miami Marathon and Half-Marathon® are Jason Swift, Kevin Scanlon, Carl Jagielski, Paul Hirsch, Steve Kimmel, George Abrams, Ronnie Haik, Frank Echanique, Merritt Burrus, Jeff Garnett, Lissette Matos, David Fernandez, Felipe Calderon, Art Valdes, Virgil Salisbury, Roy Pressman, Robert Cruz, Esther Sanchez, Elio Hernandez, Armando Flores, Eduardo Rodriguez, Steve Casper, John McHugh, Carlos Poirot, Vishnu Singh, Eli Hayon, Steve Mendelsohn, Benjamin Nemser, John Hall, Heidi Mendelsohn

About US Road Sports

US Road Sports & Entertainment Group is a health and wellness company dedicated to the production of world-class endurance events. The mission of US Road Sports is to offer an unparalleled participant sports experience that showcases host communities and endures as a deeply valued local asset through events that are a part of the city’s culture, identity and brand. For each participant, US Road Sports strives to offer events that allow participants of all skill levels the opportunity to improve their physical and mental health and accomplish life-altering goals while having fun. US Road Sports provides sponsors and municipalities highly effective exposure to help maximize their presence and message in the community.