

Sacramento Valley Section Radio Operators Support the 35th California International Marathon



The running of the 35th California International Marathon, December 2, 2017, required 35 Amateur Radio Operators to provide the needed communication support for this event.

California International Marathon (CIM), is hosted by the Sacramento Running Association. This year the event drew over 11,000 runners and an additional 1,000 Relay Teams for the 26.2-mile race from Folsom to downtown Sacramento. The CIM draws runners from all over the county and is recognized as a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon and as an Olympic qualifying event.

Thirty-five amateur radio operators from multiple counties in Northern California worked together to support necessary communications for this event.

The amateur radio communications teams were directed by Sacramento County ARES Emergency Coordinator Vince Cracchiolo,

KI6NHP. The radio operators used amateur radio and the fire department's 800 MHz trunked radios to communicate with Command and provide communications between the seventeen Aid Stations, SAG buses, and the Command Post. Information passed included lead runner information, coordinating the tracking of runners who dropped out and needed rides to the finish line, and passing Aid Station requests for needed materials, and medical information from Aid Stations.

The bulk of amateur radio communications were on the N6ICW repeater. In the command post Frank N6SNO, working his 30th CIM, and Jay N6SAC both did a great job as net control operators.

Thank you to all the radio operators for volunteering their time to make this event a great success.

