

April 2022 activity report of the ARRL VM Program.

The Volunteer Monitor (VM) Program is a joint initiative between the ARRL and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to enhance compliance in the Amateur Radio Service.

- A General Class operator in Florida was issued an Advisory Notice for SSB operation on 40 meters outside of the General Class frequency allocation.
- Technician Class operators in Michigan, Texas, and Vermont were issued Advisory Notices for FT8 operation on 7.074 MHz. Technicians have only CW privileges on 40 meters.
- Licensees in Georgia and Missouri were issued Advisory Notices for excessive bandwidth on 75 and 20 Meters. Both operators had SSB signals over 7-kHz wide. Section 97.307(a) states that no amateur station shall occupy more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission type being transmitted, in accordance with good Amateur practice.
- A VM Alert was issued for the weeks-long unidentified constant carrier on 7.033 MHz. It originated from a remote Amateur station that had been damaged by a power surge.
- A licensee in Pennsylvania was cautioned about his operation of an APRS beacon that transmitted constantly, even while the vehicle was not in use.
- The VM Program Manager had two meetings with the FCC and participated in one Amateur radio club meeting by Zoom.

The final totals for VM monitoring during April 2022 were 2,309 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,876 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 5,185 hours.

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