

December 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.

- Two Advisory Notices were sent to Technician operators in Oregon and Arizona regarding FT8 transmissions on 40 and 20 Meters. Technicians have no FT8 privileges on those bands.
- Commendations were issued to operators in Manning and Aiken, South Carolina, for net operations on 146.715 MHz during Hurricane Ian. Both operators volunteered for long shifts and handled over a hundred messages for their county EOC, ARES, AUXCOM and the South Carolina Health Care Emergency Team (SCHEART).
- Commendations were also issued to operators in Solsberry and Nashville, Indiana, for contributions to the W9BCI and W9HD repeaters systems, for their efforts in running a Welcome Net for new licensees on the W9WIN linked repeater system; and for establishing junior and senior high school radio clubs.
- The Program Administrator participated in one FCC meeting.

The final totals for VM monitoring during this month were 1,878 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,433 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,311 hours.

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