

October 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.

- Four Advisory Notices were sent to Technician operators in Pennsylvania, California and Florida regarding FT8 transmissions on 40 and 20 Meters. Technicians have no FT8 privileges on those bands.
- Advisory Notices concerning excessive bandwidth were sent to operators in North Carolina (transmissions up to 23kHz wide), Michigan (transmissions 11 kHz wide) and Alabama (transmissions 10 kHz wide). Section 97.307(a) of FCC rules requires that a signal not occupy more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission type, in accordance with good amateur practice.
- Good Operator Commendations were issued to an operator in Irwin, Pennsylvania for excellent operation and courtesy during a recent HF contest; and to an operator in Hood River, Oregon, for extraordinary efficiency and courtesy as Net Control of the Oregon Emergency Net.
- An operator in Georgia was issued an Advisory Notice regarding operation under an expired license.
- The Program Administrator participated in one FCC meeting and in two Amateur radio events.

The final totals for VM monitoring during this month were 1,770 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,669 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,439 hours.

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