

April 2023 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.

- An Advisory Notice was issued to a Technician operator in Michigan for FT8 operation on 7.074 MHz. An Advisory Notice was also issued to a Technician licensee in Ohio for FT8 operation on 14.074. Technician operators have no privileges on those frequencies.
- An Advisory Notice was issued to a General Class operator in Ohio for deliberate interference to a 10 Meter net. The operator was informed that a net control may request anyone to refrain from operation on a net when net policies are not being followed.
- An Advisory Notice was issued to an Extra Class operator in Washington for excessively wide transmissions (over 10 kHz wide) and was reminded that FCC rule 97.307(a) requires that no amateur station use more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission type being transmitted.
- Advisory Notices were issued to a Technician operator in Florida for operation on 40 Meters with an expired license, and to a General Class licensee in Michigan for operation on 20 meters with an expired license.
- Good operator commendations were issued to licensees in South Carolina (for exemplary net procedure on the Two Meter Myrtle Beach PD Net), and North Carolina (for exemplary net procedure on 40 Meters).
- A presentation on the ARRL/FCC Volunteer Monitoring Program was given to the Southern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Club (SPARC) in Lancaster, PA (one of the oldest Amateur radio clubs in Pennsylvania).

The totals for VM monitoring during April 2023 were: 1,830 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,311 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,141 hours.

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