

June 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.

- Advisory Notices were issued to operators in North Carolina and West Virginia for excessively wide transmissions (over 8 kHz wide). The operators were 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.
- A licensee in Georgia received a second Advisory Notice regarding excessively-wide transmissions and the licensee was informed that the matter will be referred to FCC.
- A Good Operator Commendation was issued to a licensee in Michigan for courtesy and special efforts to resolve an interference issue on 14.230 MHz.
- Licensees in New Jersey, Arizona, Vermont, and Illinois received Advisory Notices for FT8 operation on frequencies not allowed under their Technician licenses.
- A licensee in Nevada received an Advisory Notice for an out of band signal due to operation too close to the band edge on 40 Meters.

The totals for VM monitoring during June 2023 were: 2,014 hours on HF frequencies, and 1,919 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 3,933 hours.

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