

March 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 Technician operators located in Arizona and Florida regarding FT8 operation on 7.074 MHz. Technicians have CW-only privileges on that frequency.
- Advisory Notices were issued to two Florida Technician Operators for operating FT8 on 14.074 MHz. Technicians have no operating authority on 20 Meters.
- An Advisory Notice was issued to an Iowa GMRS operator for unlicensed operation on a 2-Meter Amateur repeater.
- An Advisory Notice was issued to a licensee in Pennsylvania for apparent deliberate interference on a 2-Meter repeater.
- An Advisory Notice was issued to a California repeater operator regarding interference from his uncoordinated repeater to a coordinated repeater. Under Section 97.205 of FCC rules, the licensee of the uncoordinated repeater has primary responsibility to resolve the interference.
- Commendations were issued to operators in Indiana for their work in determining and resolving the source of interference to the W9HD repeater in their area.
- Presentations on the ARRL/FCC Volunteer Monitoring Program were made during the month at the Greater Houston (TX) Hamfest; the Nittany Amateur Radio Club (State College, PA); and the .21 Repeater Group Amateur Radio Club (Harrisburg, PA).

The final totals for VM monitoring during March 2023 were: 2,162 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,618 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,780 hours.

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