

May 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 an Extra Class operator in North Carolina for excessively wide transmissions (over 22 kHz wide). The operator 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. This was the second Advisory issued to that station and the licensee was informed that the matter will be referred to FCC.
- Good operator Commendations were issued to a licensee in Texas for work in locating and resolving a spurious emission from a cell tower; and to an operator in Georgia for exemplary work in assisting three operators in setting up their station adjustments to avoid interference on 75 Meters.
- Good operator Commendations were issued to two operators in Pennsylvania for work as net control operators in assisting new licensees, and in testing coverage for ARES operations on their repeaters.
- An operator in Florida received a Commendation for work in resolving interference to an ongoing net on 20 Meters.
- An operator in Indiana received a commendation for his work as net control on the 443.775 repeater, in assisting new licensees and new users of the repeater.
- An Advisory Notice was sent to an operator in Massachusetts for deliberately operating with a wide signal on AM to interfere with an ongoing net on 40 Meters.
- Two presentations on the ARRL/FCC Volunteer Monitoring Program were given at the Dayton Hamvention.

The totals for VM monitoring during May 2023 were: 1,961 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,696 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,657 hours.

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