

September 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 sent to an operator in Nebraska concerning lack of control of his transmitter making FT8 contacts unattended. Transmitters must be under control of the licensee at all times.
- Advisory Notices were issued to two Technician operators in Michigan and one in Florida for FT8 operation on 20 Meters. Technicians have no privileges on 20 Meters.
- An Advisory Notice was issued to a Technician in California for voice operation on 15 and 20 Meters. Technicians have no voice privileges on 15 Meters and no privileges on 20 Meters.
- Advisory Notices were issued to operators in North and South Carolina for long periods of operation without identification on 40 Meters.
- An operator in South Carolina received an Advisory regarding operation on an expired license, and a licensee in Alabama received an Advisory for using an invalid call sign, which was his former call sign.
- A General Class licensee in Florida received an Advisory Notice for operation in the extra portion of 40 Meters.
- A Commendation was issued to a licensee in West Virginia for “excellent and courteous assistance” to new licensees in setting up their equipment.

The totals for VM monitoring during September 2023 were: 2,071 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,557 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,628 hours.

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