

February 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.

- A Warning Advisory was issued to an Extra Class licensee in Eastern Virginia for deliberate interference and obscenities on 3.933 MHz. The licensee was informed that this information was being referred to FCC for consideration during his 2025 license renewal.
- An Advisory Notice was issued to a California repeater operator for constant identification transmissions on a cross band repeater operating on 146.595 and 446.500 MHz. Such identification with no traffic constitutes broadcasting, contrary to FCC rules.
- An Advisory Notice was issued to a Tech Plus operator in Indiana for operation on 3.630 MHz, and for operation with an expired license. The matter was referred to FCC.
- A Good Operator Commendation was issued to an Amateur in Florida for his efforts in resolving a deliberate interference issue in December 2022, regarding a net operating on 7.153 MHz.
- An Advisory Notice was issued to a cross-band repeater operator in Wisconsin for operation with an expired license, operating on 147.225 and 447.485 MHz.
- A second notice of unlicensed operation was issued to a high-altitude balloon operator in Colorado for operation on 144.390 MHz. The matter was referred to FCC.
- An Advisory Notice was issued to an operator in Indiana for excessive bandwidth (10 kHz) on 3.620 MHz.

The final totals for VM monitoring during February 2023 were: 2,047 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,297 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,344 hours.

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