

January 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 Notice for unlicensed operation on 146.520 MHz was issued to a trucking company in Washington.
- A Commendation was issued to an Amateur in Pennsylvania, for exemplary operation on 7.222 MHz, taking extra steps to assist Amateurs with settings for ALC, microphone gain and bandwidth to obtain the most efficient and considerate operation on SSB.
- A Commendation was issued to a an Amateur in Idaho for courteous and valuable assistance to new and less active Amateur operators.
- Advisory Notices were issued to Technician Class Amateurs in New York, Colorado, and Texas for FT8 operation on 40 and 15 Meters. Technicians have no data privileges on those bands.
- Advisory Notices were sent to Technician Class licensees in Florida and New Jersey for FT8 operation on 20 Meters. Technicians have no operating privileges on 20 Meters.
- An Extra Class licensee in Mississippi was issued an Advisory Notice for willful and deliberate interference on 3.927 MHz, and the licensee was informed that additional instances would be referred to the FCC for enforcement action, including fine or license revocation.
- A VM Alert was issued on January 31, 2023, for a constant carrier on 7.195 MHz. The matter was subsequently referred to the FCC.

The final totals for VM monitoring during January 2023 were: 2,209 hours on HF frequencies, and 3,773 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 5,982 hours.

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