

November 2022 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 sent to Technician operators in Vermont, Arizona, Alabama, and California regarding FT8 transmissions on 40 and 20 Meters. Technicians have no FT8 privileges on those bands.
- Advisory Notices concerning excessive bandwidth were sent to operators in South Carolina (transmissions up to 7 kHz wide) and Florida (transmissions 10 kHz wide). Section 97.307(a) of FCC rules requires that a signal not occupy more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission type, in accordance with good amateur practice.
- An Advisory Notice was sent to an operator in Texas concerning an unattended beacon operating on 29.600 MHz and causing interference to normal operations on that frequency.
- Good Operator Commendations were issued to operators in Sumter and Columbia, South Carolina, for net operations on 146.715 MHz during Hurricane Ian. Both operators volunteered for shifts exceeding 12 hours and handled over a hundred messages for their county EOC, ARES, AUXCOM and the South Carolina Health Care Emergency Team (SCHEART).
- An operator in Delaware was issued an Advisory Notice for operation under an expired license.
- The Program Administrator participated in one FCC meeting and attended Volunteer Monitor Program forums at the Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Hamfest and the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club in Mullica Hill, New Jersey.
- The Program Manager participated in a virtual meeting concerning the Volunteer Monitor program with the Overlook Mountain Amateur Radio Club in West Hurley, NY.

The final totals for VM monitoring during this month were 2,081 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,791 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,872 hours.

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