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## Volunteer Monitor Program Report

The Volunteer Monitor (VM) Program is a joint initiative between ARRL and the FCC to enhance compliance in the Amateur Radio Service. This is the February 2024 activity report of the VM Program.

◆ Operators in Indiana and North Carolina received advisory notices for improper bandwidth. The operators were transmitting over 6 kHz wide. Section 97.307(a) of Commission rules states that no station shall occupy more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission being transmitted.

◆ An operator in Indiana received an advisory notice for deliberate interference on 3.933 MHz, and the matter is under consideration for referral to the FCC.

◆ Advisory notices were sent to Technician-class operators in Florida, Minnesota, and North Carolina for FT8 operation on 7.074 MHz. Technicians have only CW privileges on 40 meters. An advisory notice was also sent to a Technician operator in Arizona for FT8 operation on 15 meters. Technicians have only CW privileges on 15 meters.

◆ An advisory notice was sent to a licensee in California for

interference to a coordinated repeater by his operation of a cross-band repeater, with no identification and no tone control, on the input of the coordinated repeater.

◆ An operator in California received an advisory notice for operation on a 60-meter frequency not assigned to amateur operators in the United States.

◆ An operator in Ohio received a commendation for sustained extraordinary efforts in getting elementary students on the air during the School Club Roundup event on 20 meters.

◆ One case was referred by the FCC to the VM Program for evidence gathering, and one case was referred by the VM Program to the FCC for enforcement action.

◆ A presentation on the VM Program was given to the Vienna Wireless Society in Vienna, Virginia, on February 9.

The totals for January 2024 monitoring were 2,085 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,599 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,684 hours. — *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*