
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 March 2024 activity report of the VM Program.

◆ Operators in Arizona, Tennessee, Virginia, and South Carolina were issued advisory notices concerning wideband operation — 7 kHz to 8 kHz wide, contrary to FCC rules. Section 97.307(a) provides that “no amateur shall occupy more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission type being transmitted, in accordance with good amateur practice.”

◆ Technician-class operators in Colorado and North Carolina received advisory notices for operating FT8 on 20 meters. Technicians have no 20-meter operating privileges.

◆ An operator in New York received an advisory notice for failure to identify during long transmissions of more than 30 minutes.

◆ A General-class operator in Idaho received an advisory notice for SSB transmissions on 14.150 MHz. General-class privileges start at 14.225 MHz on that band.

◆ Operators in Florida received commendations for work on the 146.625 MHz W4JUP Repeater, assisting new licensees learn repeater procedures, and setting up equipment. An operator in Oklahoma received a commendation for work on the 146.97 W5BLW Repeater for SKYWARN and emergency operations procedures.

◆ During March there was one referral from the FCC to the VM Program, and one meeting with the FCC.

The totals for February 2024 monitoring were 1,942 hours on HF frequencies, and 1,935 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 3,877 hours. — *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*