
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 2025 activity report of the VM Program.

Commendations were issued to operators in Orange and Dana Point, California, for outstanding service on the Orange County Parks and Irvine Fire Watch Net on January 2, during the California wildfires.

A commendation was issued to an operator in Washington for exceptional courtesy in the CW portion of 40 meters during crowded band conditions.

A commendation was issued to a repeater operator in Wisconsin for exceptional efforts to instruct new repeater users about DMR technology.

Technician operators in Alabama, New Jersey, and New York were reminded of the limitations of their licenses regarding FT8 and SSB operation on 40 and 20 meters.

An operator in Florida was cautioned about the FCC rules limiting the advertising of items for sale.

An operator in South Carolina was cautioned about transmitting broadcast news items on amateur frequencies.

An operator in Delaware was reminded about the FCC rule concerning identification by call sign and the rule regarding proper bandwidth.

There were two FCC meetings. Two cases were referred by the FCC to the VM Program. Those cases were completed and returned to the FCC.

The totals for January 2025 monitoring were 1,498 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,236 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 3,734 hours. —
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