

March 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.

- General class operators in Georgia, Wisconsin and Michigan were issued Advisory Notices for operation on 20 meters outside of their frequency allocation.
- Technician class operators in Pennsylvania, California, Texas, California and Missouri were issued Advisory Notices for FT8 operation on 7.074 MHz. Technicians have only CW privileges on 40 meters.
- An operator in Puerto Rico was issued an Advisory Notice for overdriven and distorted FT8 transmissions that were causing harmonics and interference to other operators.
- An Advanced class operator in Georgia was issued an Advisory Notice for excessive bandwidth on 3.885 MHz.
- A Volunteer Monitor Alert was issued for a weeks-long constant carrier on 7.033 MHz and the information referred to the FCC.
- The VM Program Manager had two meetings with the FCC and participated in two Amateur radio club meetings by Zoom.

The final totals for VM monitoring during March 2022 were 2,309 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,876 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 5,185 hours.

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