

August 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 hunting and recreation associations in Florida, cautioning the associations against use by their members and participants of Amateur radio two-way radio on Two Meters. The organizations were advised that use of equipment on Amateur frequencies requires an FCC license, and unlicensed use is a violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
- The above Advisories followed similar Advisories issued to all two-way radio dealers in Florida in June 2022, after complaints that employees in some retail establishments such as grocery stores were using two-meter equipment on Amateur frequencies.
- An Extra Class licensee in Massachusetts was sent an Advisory Notice concerning poor FT8 signals that were severely distorted and causing harmonics due to excessive audio drive and ALC action, in violation of Section 97.305 of FCC rules (unauthorized emissions).
- A repeater operator in West Virginia was issued an Advisory Notice concerning the repeater's use of a call sign that had been canceled by the FCC.

The final totals for VM monitoring during this month were 2,064 hours on HF frequencies, and 3,059 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 5,123 hours.

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