September 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.

- An Advisory Notice was sent to an operator in Wisconsin regarding interference to existing communications on 3.870 MHz.

- A General Class licensee in Puerto Rico was sent an Advisory Notice regarding operation on 14.190 MHz (General Class licensees are not authorized to operate below 14.225 MHz).

- An operator in Tennessee was sent an Advisory Notice regarding signals 7 kHz wide on 7.150 MHz, in violation of 97.307(a) of FCC rules, which requires that a signal not occupy more bandwidth that necessary for the information rate and emission type, in accordance with good amateur practice.

- Operators in Georgia and Ohio were sent Advisories concerning deliberate interference on 3.860 MHz, 3.927 MHz, and 7.200 MHz. The licensee in Ohio was also cautioned about transmission of obscenities and apparently operating while impaired. The operator in Georgia was operating with an expired license.

- Good Operator Commendations were issued to operators in Maryland (exceptionally efficient and courteous operation during the August Maryland-DC QSO party); Florida (exceptional net control operation on 7.225 MHz); and South Carolina (the first for exceptional operation on the C4FM net, taking check-ins from all over the world and assisting new licensees); and (the second for exceptional work with the Healthcare Emergency Amateur Radio Team, a linked repeater system on 146.715 MHz).

- A Volunteer Monitor Alert was issued during Hurricane Ian for any interference to the 14.325 MHz Hurricane Watch Net. Only one instance of brief, inadvertent interference was reported.

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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