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## 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 January 2024 activity report of the VM Program.

- ◆ An advisory notice was sent to an operator in Ohio for deliberate interference and use of a false call sign on 7.185 KHz.
- ◆ An advisory notice was sent to a repeater owner in New York City for operation of an AllStarLink network on the national calling frequency of 145.520 MHz.
- ◆ Operators in Georgia and Pennsylvania received advisory notices for out-of-band operation. The Georgia operator is a General and used 14.211 MHz on SSB for DX. General-class SSB frequencies on 20 meters start at 14.225 MHz. The operator in Pennsylvania worked SSB DX on 7.120 MHz. Forty-meter voice privileges start at 7.125 MHz.
- ◆ Two operators in Florida and one in West Virginia received

advisory notices for improper bandwidth. The operators in Florida were 9 kHz wide, and the operator in West Virginia was 11 kHz wide. Section 97.307(a) of Commission rules states that “no station shall occupy more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission being transmitted.”

- ◆ An operator in Florida received an advisory notice for operation on a license that expired in 2022, and an operator in Iowa received an advisory notice for operation on a license that expired in 2014.
- ◆ The VM Program Administrator participated in two meetings with the FCC. One case was referred from the FCC to the VM Program for evidence gathering. A VM Program presentation was made to a club in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The totals for December 2023 monitoring were 2,410 hours on HF frequencies, and 3,960 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 6,370 hours. — *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*