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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 May 2024 activity report of the VM Program.

◆ Two operators in Virginia and Florida received advisory notices concerning wideband operation of 6 to 7 kHz wide on 40 meters, contrary to FCC rules. Section 97.307(a) provides that "no amateur shall occupy more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission type being transmitted, in accordance with good amateur practice."

◆ A GMRS operator received an advisory notice for operating on an amateur repeater in Tennessee after being requested by the repeater owner to stay off the repeater. Any further operation will be referred to the FCC.

◆ An operator in South Carolina received a commendation for activities on the Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club repeater operating on 147.100 and 441.775 MHz. The operator participated as net control for the first time, on short notice, and managed all check-ins in a timely and efficient manner.

◆ An operator in Louisiana received an advisory notice for operation with an expired license.

◆ Technician-class operators in Indiana, Idaho, and Mississippi received advisory notices for operating FT8 on 40 meters. Technicians may operate only CW on 40 meters.

◆ An operator in Maine received an advisory notice for failure to identify during an hour-long transmission on 75 meters. Section 97.119(a) requires amateur stations to transmit the assigned call sign at the end of each communication and at least every 10 minutes during a communication.

◆ A glider pilot club in Clermont, Florida, received an advisory notice for operation on amateur frequencies without a license. Any further operation will be referred to the FCC.

◆ The FCC issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation to a sky-diving organization in Lake Elsinore, California. The organization must cease operation and respond to the FCC within 30 days.

◆ In May, there was one meeting with the FCC. A VM program presentation was given at Dayton Hamvention on May 18.

The totals for hours of monitoring by Volunteer Monitors during April 2024 will be reported in the June VM report. — Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH