

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 August 2024 activity report of the VM Program.

◆ Licensees in New York, Virginia, and Georgia were issued advisory notices concerning excessively wide signals and splattering, resulting in interference to communications on 14.300 MHz. The Virginia and Georgia stations were also cautioned that the issue would have to be resolved before their licenses would be renewed.

◆ A licensee in Pennsylvania received an advisory notice concerning one-way transmissions and deliberate interference to Field Day operations on 7.200 MHz. A licensee in Georgia received an advisory notice for deliberate interference to the Jarvis Island N5J DXpedition operating CW on 3.527 MHz.

◆ An operator in California received an advisory notice concerning operation of a beacon on 28.244 MHz under an expired license. A licensee in Virginia received an advisory notice concerning deliberate interference on 3.933 MHz and was cautioned that the matter would have to be resolved before his license would be renewed.

◆ A Technician-class licensee in Georgia received an advisory notice concerning SSB operation on 40 meters. Technicians have no voice privileges on 40 meters.

◆ A licensee in Georgia received an advisory notice about causing deliberate interference to a DX station while he was acting as a net control station on 14.290 MHz.

◆ A good operator commendation was issued to a licensee in Illinois for exemplary operation on a 2-meter repeater, assisting new licensees with operating procedures and explaining special event stations.

◆ A volunteer monitor alert was issued on August 6 for interference from an experimental high-speed stock-trading station on 20 meters. Information gathered from the alert resulted in an FCC referral.

◆ The VM Program Administrator participated in one FCC meeting.

The totals for July 2024 monitoring were 1,516 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,857 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,373 hours. — *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*