

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 September 2024 activity report of the VM Program.

- ◆ Technician-class licensees in Indiana, South Carolina, and Mississippi received advisory notices regarding FT8 operation on 40 meters. Technicians have only CW privileges on 40 meters.
- ◆ Licensees in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, and New Jersey received advisory notices for excessively wide signals of 10 kHz or more. Commission Rule 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 licensee in Florida received an advisory notice for deliberate interference to a DX station, and to operators trying to work the DX station, on 14,252 MHz. Such operation is in violation of Section 97.101(b) of Commission rules. The operator was cautioned that FCC fines for such operation normally start at \$7,000.

◆ There was one general VM alert. There were two FCC referrals regarding apparent experimental high-speed stock-trading signals on amateur frequencies.

◆ The Program Administrator presented a program by video conference to the Wisconsin DX Club and participated in one FCC meeting.

The totals for August monitoring were 1,475 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,455 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 3,930. — *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*