
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 November 2024 activity report of the VM Program.

☒ Commendations were issued to amateurs in Sequim, Moses Lake, Richland, Bothell, Morton, and Soap Lake, Washington; Placerville, California, and Bend, Oregon, for exemplary operation as net control operators of the Columbia Basin Net operating on 3.960 MHz.

☒ An amateur radio operator in Maryland received a commendation for exemplary AM operation and for explaining proper AM operating procedures and transmitter settings to those participating in AM communications.

☒ Operators in Louisiana and Arizona received advisories for operation with expired licenses.

☒ A Technician-class operator in Florida received an advisory for FT8 operation on 40 meters. Technicians can only use CW on 40 meters. A Technician-class operator in Utah received an advisory concerning FT8 operation on 30 meters. Technicians have no operating privileges on 30 meters.

☒ An operator in Florida received an advisory for unattended robotic FT8 operation on 14.074 MHz. Under FCC Rule 97.221(b), an unattended station may be auto-controlled only while transmitting on RTTY or data on the subbands of 14.0950 – 14.0995 or 14.1005 – 14.112 MHz. Such stations may not call CQ and can only respond to being polled.

The totals for October 2024 monitoring were 1,562 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,215 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 3,777 hours. —
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