
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 October 2024 activity report of the VM Program.

An amateur radio operator in Wyoming received a commendation for relinquishing 3.927 MHz during a regularly scheduled net operation to allow emergency traffic related to the Asheville, North Carolina, floods and relief efforts on September 24, 2024.

An amateur radio operator in Florida received a commendation for work on the Florida SARnet 444.325 MHz repeater, in cooperation with Florida's state emergency agency, during a hurricane and ensuing storm.

An amateur radio operator in Illinois received a commendation for working with a local emergency management agency on the W9ANL 146.900 MHz repeater in an effort to clear downed trees and power lines after storms.

Technician-class operators in Idaho and Washington received advisory notices about FT8 operation on 40 meters. Technicians have only CW privileges on 40 meters. Two Technician-class operators in Cali-

fornia, and one in Oregon, received advisory notices concerning operation of FT8 on 20 meters. Technicians have no operating privileges on 20 meters.

An operator in South Carolina received an advisory notice concerning interference on 3.933 MHz after refusing to leave a net operating on that frequency. An operator in New York received an advisory notice concerning interference on 7.200 MHz with digital signals such as EasyPal, Freenet, and SSTV, as well as general noises. An operator in Alabama received an advisory notice concerning operation on SARnet utilizing harassment and a false call sign. Each licensee was cautioned that such operation would be an issue during any license renewal proceedings.

There were two Volunteer Monitor alerts issued in October to Monitors east of the Mississippi, to monitor for interference to hurricane and tropical storm emergency nets during the month. No instances of interference were detected.

The totals for September monitoring were 1,443 hours on HF frequencies, and 1,761 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 3,204 hours. — *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*