
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 2023 activity report of the VM Program.

◆ As a result of his operation on 28.277 MHz from St. Kitts and Nevis, during which he engaged in contacts with numerous US stations, an operator in New Jersey received an advisory notice cautioning him that US stations have no voice privileges on 28.277 MHz. Voice privileges for US stations on 10 meters start at 28.300 MHz.

◆ Advisory notices were sent to operators in North and South Carolina concerning excessive bandwidth on 75 meters. Section 97.307(a) of Commission rules states that no station shall occupy more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission being transmitted.

◆ A Technician-class operator in Kentucky was sent an advisory notice concerning FT8 operation on 14.074 MHz. Technician licensees have no data privileges on 20 meters. A Technician-class licensee in California was issued an advisory notice for FT8 operation on 40 meters. Technicians have only CW privileges on that band.

◆ A Technician-class licensee in Michigan received an advisory notice for FT8 operation on 15 meters. Technicians have only CW privileges on that band.

◆ An advisory notice was issued to an operator in Virginia for operation with an expired license on 10 meters. A repeater operator in West Virginia received an advisory notice for operating with an expired license and causing interference to a coordinated repeater.

◆ Good operator commendations were issued to a licensee in Texas for operating the N5VET Special Event station and making special effort to contact students from various elementary schools, and to an operator in Conway, South Carolina, for sustained dedication to the Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club repeater, having served as net control for 2,000 sessions.

◆ The VM Program Administrator participated in one meeting with the FCC.

The totals for VM monitoring during October 2023 were 2,598 hours on HF frequencies, and 3,145 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 5,743 hours. — *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*