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# 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 March 2025 activity report of the VM Program.

A commendation was issued to an operator in Texas for exceptional courtesy and guidance to new operators regarding procedures on the HiFivers 3.908 MHz Friendship Net.

A commendation was issued to an operator in Florida for exceptional efforts to maintain the Florida SARnet linked repeater system on 446.00 MHz, and for instructing newcomers in net procedures.

Technician-class operators in Texas, Colorado, and Florida were reminded of the limitations of their licenses regarding FT8 operation on 20 meters. Under FCC rules, Technicians are not allowed 20-meter operation.

An advisory was issued to a Technician-class operator in Alabama concerning FT8 operation on 15 meters. Technician-class operators in Florida, Texas, and California received advisories regarding FT8 operation on 40 meters. Technicians have no FT8 authority on either 15 or 40 meters.

An operator in New Jersey was issued an advisory concerning proper identification on 75 meters. Section 97.119(a) requires amateur stations to transmit the assigned call sign at the end of each communication and at least every 10 minutes during a communication.

A virtual VM Program was presented to the Gateway Amateur Radio Club in Georgia.

The totals for February 2025 monitoring were 1,883 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,260 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,143 hours.  
— *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*