
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 December 2025 activity report of the VM Program.

A Technician operator in Indiana was issued an advisory concerning 20- and 40-meter FT8 operation, a band on which Technicians have no privileges.

Operators in Georgia and Kentucky were issued advisories regarding improperly wide signals on 3.927 MHz that resulted in splatter over 8 kHz. Section 97.307(a) of the Commission's rules states, "No amateur station transmission shall occupy more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission type being transmitted, in accordance with good amateur practice."

A General-class operator in Ohio was issued an advisory for operation on 14.225 MHz, too close to the band edge. General-class operators in Connecticut and Maine were issued advisories for SSB operation on 20 meters outside of the General-class allocation.

A Technician operator in Illinois was issued an advisory for SSB operation on 20 meters, a band on which Technicians have no privileges. An amateur radio club in California was issued an advisory for operation with an expired license.

An Amateur Extra-class operator in California was issued an advisory for SSB operation on 14.126 MHz during a DX contest. SSB operation is not allowed on 20 meters below 14.150 MHz.

A station in South Carolina was issued an advisory for failure to identify for more than 50 minutes on two occasions on 40 meters. Section 97.119(a) requires amateur stations to transmit their assigned call sign at the end of each communication and at least every 10 minutes during a communication.

An operator in Colorado received a commendation for exemplary efficiency and courtesy while managing the Colorado Severe Weather Net on the 448.400 MHz repeater. An operator in Ohio received a commendation for exceptional courtesy during a POTA operation, relinquishing the frequency to a scheduled net operation on 20 meters.

There was one meeting with the FCC concerning enforcement matters.

The totals for November 2025 monitoring were 1,354 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,011 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 3,365 hours.

— *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*