
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 August 2025 activity report of the VM Program.

Technician operators in Indiana, Colorado, and Arizona were issued advisories concerning 20-meter FT8 operation, a band on which Technicians have no privileges.

Technician operators in Kansas and California received advisories concerning 40-meter FT8 operation; on 40 meters, Technicians have only CW privileges.

A commendation was issued to an operator in Maine for exceptional courtesy during a net on a 2-meter repeater, in which he explained to new

licensees the misconceptions regarding antenna tuners and resonant and non-resonant antennas.

An operator in Georgia was issued an advisory concerning transmitting music on 75 meters, which is prohibited by Section 97.113(a)(4) of FCC rules.

There was one virtual club presentation about the VM Program given to the Mt. Diablo Radio Club in California.

There was one FCC meeting and one FCC case referral.

The totals for July 2025 monitoring were 1,067 hours on HF frequencies, and 1,883 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 2,950 hours.

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