
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 September 2025 activity report of the VM Program.

General-class operators in Texas, Colorado, and New Jersey were issued advisories for SSB operation on 14.220 MHz, which is not authorized for General-class operation.

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

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

A commendation was issued to an operator in St. Petersburg, Florida, for exceptional courtesy during communications on 20 meters. The operator was net control for a net due to begin but asked permission from ongoing POTA communications to start the net. The POTA group volunteered to move up the band and interference was avoided.

There were two virtual club presentations about the VM Program — one with the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association and one with the South Orange Amateur Radio Association, both in California.

There was one FCC request for monitoring assistance in a southwestern state.

The totals for August 2025 monitoring were 1,778 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,190 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 3,968 hours. — *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*