
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 October 2025 activity report of the VM Program.

Technician operators in Connecticut, Washington, Kansas, New York, California, and Arizona were issued advisories concerning 20-meter FT8 operation, a band on which Technicians have no privileges. A Technician operator in New York was issued an advisory for 17-meter FT8 operation, a band on which Technicians have no privileges.

A club station in California was issued an advisory for operation with an expired license.

Two operators in Florida were issued advisories concerning identification of their stations on 40 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.

An operator in Utah received a notice of violation from the FCC for operation on 173.767 MHz, a frequency not authorized to the amateur service.

An operator in Florida received a notice of violation from the FCC for broadcasting, prohibited by Section 97.113(b) of Commission rules; and for refusal to allow an inspection, in violation of Section 97.103(c). Both operators were directed to respond to the notices within 30 days with sworn statements, under penalty of perjury.

Interference to amateur satellite operations was informally resolved through the VM program. Persistent interference to 3.868 MHz was determined to be from a foreign transmitter.

There was one virtual club presentation about the VM Program given to the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club in Tucson, Arizona.

The FCC requested assistance in two cases: a public safety case near McAllen, Texas, and a case involving unlicensed operation in California.

The totals for September 2025 monitoring were 1,235 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,003 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 3,238 hours.

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