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DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET

- ❖ The ARRL/VEC program began in July 1984 (After the FCC stopped testing at FCC Field Offices, in 1983 they created the VEC system). ARRL/VEC has over 25 years of Service to Radio Amateurs, operating as a knowledgeable information source for a wide-range of licensing issues.
- ❖ Today, the ARRL/VEC is the largest of the 14 VECs, representing more than 70% of all exams given (at one point there were over 25 VECs).
- ❖ The ARRL/VEC has 7 staff members ready to serve you. Manager is Maria Somma, Assistant Manager is Perry Green and service representatives are Pete Warner, Ann Brinius, Lisa Riendeau, Amanda Grimaldi and China Chaney.
- ❖ Stats include more than 25,000 accredited Volunteer Examiners, holding more than 5,000 exams per year, serving nearly 30,000 examinees per year.
- ❖ In the last 25 years over 90,000 Test Sessions have been conducted, more than 1,250,000 Exam Elements have been given and over 850,000 Persons have been served. (Includes initial and upgrade applications and modifications and renewals).
- ❖ Volunteer Examiners (VEs) are accredited by the ARRL/VEC (obtaining training and ongoing guidance from our online VE Manual found at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vemmanual/> , as well as by phone or email).
- ❖ Questions regarding Exam Requirements, Exam Accommodations, Exam Test Locations <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml> , and VE Support are handled by our department.
- ❖ The VEC Department is also a primary provider for:
 - Club License (Club Call Sign) questions and applications (the application form and procedures are online at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/605ins.html#club>).
 - Vanity Call signs (online at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanity.html> are the application forms and procedures). We only serve in an advisory capacity in this activity, as application must be made (with fee) directly to FCC.
 - 1x1 Special Event call signs (the application form and procedures are online at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/1x1.html>).
 - International Amateur Radio Permit – IARP - a subject also supported by the Regulatory Information Staff - (online at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/io/#IARP> are the application form and procedures).
 - ARRL Member (or non member with accompanying fee) FCC license updates and renewals (the application form and procedures are online at <http://www.arrl.org/fcc/forms.html>).
 - Question Pool Committee Support – ARRL serves as one of the primary members of the National Conference of VECs Question Pool Committee. ARRL's working group has included participants from the VEC, Technical Department/Book Team and Educational Department (the question pools are online at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/pools.html>).
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