

May 2022 activity report of the ARRL VM Program

The Volunteer Monitor (VM) Program is a joint initiative between the ARRL and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to enhance compliance in the Amateur Radio Service.

- An Extra Class operator in Indiana received a Good Operator Commendation for encouraging and assisting new licensees while managing regular check-ins on the W9WIN linked repeater system.
- An Extra Class operator in Maryland received a Good Operator Commendation for operation on the 147.090 MHz repeater of the Antietam Radio Club. The operator encouraged and assisted newcomers while managing check-ins for the Four States Net.
- A General Class operator in Massachusetts received a Good Operator Commendation for assisting weak signal stations and encouraging new licensees while expertly managing net operations on 3.922 MHz.
- A Technician Class licensee in Vermont received an Advisory Notice regarding FT8 operation on 7.074 MHz. Technicians are not authorized to operate FT8 on 40 Meters.
- A Technician Class licensee in Tennessee received an Advisory Notice concerning operation on FT8 on 14.074 MHz. Technicians have no operating authority on 20 Meters.
- The VM Program Administrator met with a service technician of a land mobile communications company regarding interference to a Pennsylvania repeater.
- The Administrator, along with Lark Hadley, FCC Director of Region 3, presented a May 21st forum about the VM program at the Dayton Hamvention.

The final totals for VM monitoring during May 2022, were 1,748 hours on HF frequencies, and 2,445 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,193 hours.

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