

FCC Call to Action

In recent months on 40M and 80M, there has been a concern by many Amateur Radio operators regarding certain individual's operating behavior, specifically on 7.200 MHz and 3.822 MHz. Constant vulgar and indecent language, music being played, transmitting without a call sign, hate language, threats, and the use of the "N" word, have been normal operating habits by a few.

In the spirit of "self-policing," when confronted by other Ham Radio operators concerned about the behavior, the result is a confrontation that does not resolve the situation but makes it worse.

For the reasons noted in the paragraph above, the FCC Enforcement Bureau has been contacted and notified of the behavior, which includes the Enforcement Bureau Chief and the FCC Chairman. The FCC has responded and is committed to eliminate the issues and will engage FCC resources to resolve this matter.

The FCC is requesting the Amateur community participate and assist in this effort:

"One of the ways that you, as amateur licensees, can assist the agency is to focus on long term patterned bad behavior yourselves. Begin a log of this behavior, noting days of the week, times of the day, and call signs of those stations that consistently and intentionally violate the Commission's rules. Track this behavior over an extended period of time – say 30 days – and then send me your logs. Once we establish a consistent "pattern" of behavior, I can then request that a field agent from one of our local offices be sent to that location. By working together and establishing the "pattern" of behavior, we can ensure that our agent is in the right place at the most appropriate time to monitor the behavior and confirm the possible violation of the Commission's rules. This helps to maximize use of our very limited and very valuable resource . . . our field agents".

Amateur Radio is an extraordinary service to our communities and a wonderful ambassador to the world. We should not allow this type of behavior on the Amateur Radio bands. It is an absolute shame this type of abhorrent behavior is being conducted on Amateur Radio frequencies.

This is a Call-To-Action for all Ham Radio operators to assist the FCC as is being requested to ensure this type of behavior is curtailed and eliminated.