

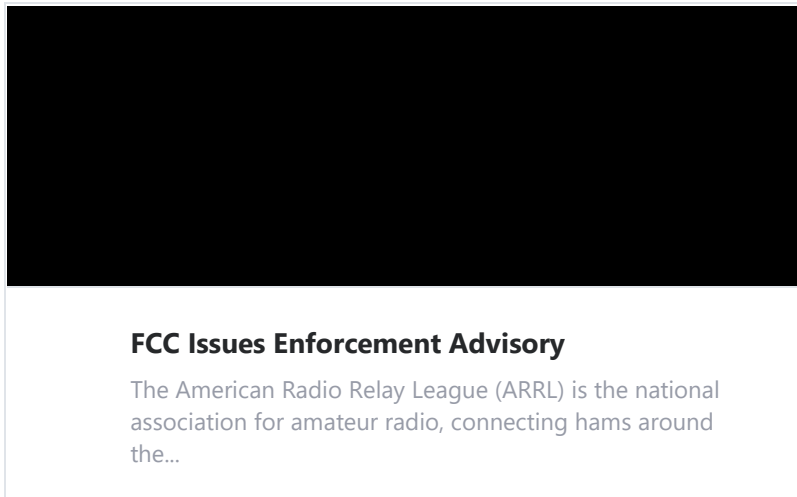
Dear VA Section Officers and PIO's

Tomorrow is Lobby Day in Richmond and there may be attempts by certain factions to use Amateur Radio illegally. Throughout the day, ASM Ed Gibbs KW4GF made phone calls to various VA Section clubs and groups to monitor illegal and/or unauthorized activity on repeaters located near major highways and rural routes leading to Richmond. If there is any illegal activity heard, please email Ed at KW4GF@ARRL.net or John Roberts WB4AXY Section Emergency Coordinator at sec.aresva@gmail.com.

Roanoke Division Director Bud Hipsley W2RU and ARRL CEO David Minster NA2AA have advised that VA Section clubs and groups who receive inquiries from media sources regarding Amateur Radio use during Lobby Day or Inauguration Day refer media sources to the following documents:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/arrl-on-the-purpose-of-amateur-radio>

[FCC Issues Enforcement Advisory](#)



Club Officers or PIO's could also refer media sources to the ARRL Headquarters in Newington, CT for clarification.

In following the CEO's request, the ARRL enables its affiliates to speak as one voice rather than crafting a different message throughout the Commonwealth.

This does not exclude individual amateur radio operators from expressing their concerns as individuals to media.

In light of the Washington Post on-line report this morning reporting amateur radio in an inferential negative way as collaborative ventures with political groups (which was corrected later in the day), it is important as an ARRL VA Section affiliate to approach issues in a unified way. This advisory allows clubs to have an easy and seamless approach with the media.

Please call Ed Gibbs KW4GF at (757)274-5793 or KW4GF@ARRL.net if you have any questions.

73,

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