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### Rules Of The Road – CB Style

By Mike Dobson

CB radios are the most prominent way that trucking companies keep in contact with their trucks on the road. Truckers depend on this way of communication not only for their livelihood, but also to pass the time on those lonely roads in the dead of night.

However, with CB radios come a few guidelines as well as warnings for usage. At one time, the airwaves were monitored diligently, but as more and more CB users, in trucks and passenger vehicles, hit the roads, that task became near to impossible. So, the Golden Rule applies somewhat to CB usage. You treat others on the airwaves as you would like to be treated.

Think before you speak. Wouldn't everyone benefit from this advice? Seriously, truckers and trucking companies are not the only ones that use CB radios. Many people utilize the CB airwaves every day from police officers and peace keepers to the normal, average person. That means even children could be listening. So watch your words and avoid excessive or foul language. What you say is a reflection on not only you, but the trucking company you represent.

Don't get taken for a ride. There are numerous people on the airwaves and some have a dozen sob stories to fit the conversation at hand. Others have a really "great deal" on some merchandise and would you be interested? Then there are those that want to meet you somewhere to "get to know you better." Be careful of those situations, because more often than not, there is trouble. Use your common sense and don't believe everything you hear.

Use the CB radio wisely. CB radios are useful tools for truckers, travelers and trucking companies. When you see an accident on the road, the CB can be used to alert the proper authorities in case someone needs medical attention. Truckers benefit from reported traffic problems by altering their route to avoid any delays. CB radios have also kept many truck drivers awake on the road too.

For the most part, you have to worry only about yourself when it comes to the CB radio – the Golden Rule and all that! Take it for what it is – a handy tool that is needed for you to carry on with your job. Remember too that you represent your trucking company out there on the road, so be cognizant of that every time you use the CB radio.

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With road rage being so common these days, we should all take a step back and review a few rules of the road. While not taught in most driver education classes or state driver's manuals, these rules will help you be a better driver.

The left lane is for passing. If you are going to pass, do it quickly and safely. Some states have laws that prohibit "driving" in the left lane, leaving it open for passing only.

If someone is trying to merge onto the highway and you have room, get into the left lane. This can help avoid an accident or at the least make someone's day a little brighter.

Be aware of large trucks and their driving styles. Tractor trailers, dump trucks, and other large vehicles can not stop as fast as you can. Keep that in mind the next time you squeeze in front of a truck at the stop light. Also, heavy trucks while on the highway will slow down while going up large hills but pick up speed on the downhill side. This can lead to a game of leap frog which will frustrate you and the truck driver. If possible get far enough ahead of the truck to avoid excessive passing!

Use your turn signals. I swear they were an option in some cars, considering most people do not use them. They are there as a signal to inform your fellow drivers where you plan to go.

I guess this has been a list of my pet peeves, but I hope it will help you have a safer trip down the road. Remember, we all share the road and together we can make it safer.

Take care and safe driving,

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