

Operating Habits

What the Ecomm LID Says	What the Trained Communicator says
"Well, that's all I have for now. Back to net"	OUT
"KC0QVJ, KC0ZDA (information to be communicated) KC0QVJ, KC0ZDA back to you"	"(information to be communicated) KC0ZDA OUT"
Kinky Daddy Zero Under Public Works	Kilo Delta Zero Uniform Papa Whiskey

Habits to Avoid

- Thinking aloud on the air: "Ahhh, let me see. Hmm. Well, you know, if..."
- On-air arguments or criticism
- Rambling commentaries
- Shouting into your microphone
- "Cute" phonetics
- Identifying every time you key or un-key the mic
- Using "10" codes, Q-signals on phone, or anything other than "plain language"
- Speaking without planning your message in advance
- Talking just to pass the time.

Good Habits to Develop

- Listening is at least 50% of communication. Listening also means avoiding unnecessary transmissions.
- Speak in a normal, clear, calm voice.
- "Voice operated transmission" (VOX) is NOT used.
- Make your transmissions sound crisp and professional.
- Do not editorialize, or engage in chitchat.
- Be sure to say exactly what you mean.
- Communicate *one complete subject* at a time.
- All messages and communications during an emergency should be in plain language.
- Use the ITU Phonetic Alphabet.
- Use prowords correctly.
- Avoid needless station identification.