

TO: ALL WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AMATEURS  
ALL NON-WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AMATEURS  
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SUBJECT: IT HAPPENS TO THE BEST

You're sitting at your home maybe working on your computer, and all of a sudden someone comes on the repeater you are monitoring and is in the middle of a conversation with whomever. You listen for more, but never hear them again. You change frequency and find them on another repeater in the area. Whoops! They must have touch a button accidentally and changed frequency just as they were keying up to answer the other station.

Later you hear the Sheriff's Dispatcher advise a City Police unit that they have just called for their headquarters on the wrong frequency. Or maybe it has happened to you! You know, have your radio on a different frequency, forget to change it back, and make a call on the wrong frequency. Or, accidentally give your amateur call while operating on a public safety frequency? That's my favorite. However, once is enough, and all you can do is hope it doesn't happen again.

Just remember, when you hear someone else goof, don't be upset or angry, because you might be the next one to do it. We are only human and all make mistakes. I believe there are only two types of radio operators, those who have goofed up, and those who will. If you are authorized on public safety frequencies, as some Amateur Radio emergency communicators are, you have to be very careful and remember what band you are on. Believe me, it can be embarrassing.

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