

Clowns Great In Circus, But Deadly on Roads

"Clowns are great in a circus tent, but deadly on the highway," says Alaska Public Safety Commissioner Martin B. Underwood.

"The best way to single out a professional driver is by observing the smooth manner in which he operates his vehicle," Underwood said. "The real pro knows that yielding the right of way to avoid a crash is just good common sense. He doesn't worry about who is right or wrong."

The Public Safety Commissioner pointed out that the highways in Alaska are for "sharing" not competing. The squeal of tires and the roar of exhaust is the sign of the amateur driver who is building up his own ego.

He added that the real professional driver keeps his vehicle in good condition at all times and never tries to stretch his luck by driving an unsafe vehicle.

The professional driver is courteous and shares the road, and knows that many accidents are the result of competing for limited road space, by following too close and by cutting in front of other drivers.