



Okaloosa County News Release

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Update: August Flood Event#1

Okaloosa Prepares for Heavy Rain, Possible Flooding *Remember: “Turn Around, Don’t Drown”*

Okaloosa County, Fla. – Okaloosa County Department of Public Safety is monitoring the National Weather Service for potential rain and possible flooding. Emergency Management is ready, as well as the Flood Response Team. “We will get another briefing from the National Weather Service this afternoon and residents are encouraged to monitor local radio and television stations for updates,” stated Public Safety Director Alvin Henderson.

Okaloosa Public Works are checking storm drains and gutters to clear before the storm, minimizing potential problems. Upon completion of these maintenance checks, they plan to provide sand and bags to fill, in the Public Works South, on Ready Avenue. Please call to make sure sand is available, 850-689-5772.

Additionally, storm drains are being checked at all three airports. Water and Sewer is also checking their problem areas, and making sure they have all equipment that is needed for emergencies. “All departments are taking necessary precautions at this time, and have staff working or on standby throughout the rainstorm,” stated County Administrator John Hofstad.

Heavy rains are expected beginning on Tuesday and continuing through Sunday, August 14. For more information, contact the 311 Citizens Information Line. Follow Okaloosa County on Facebook, @Okaloosa Public Safety Emergency Management, and Twitter @OKALOOSAEOC.

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