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Okaloosa County Maintains Community Rating System (CRS) Classification of 5 *Local Mitigation Strategy 2015 Annual Report Online*

Okaloosa County will maintain its Community Rating System (CRS) score of 5, ensuring an approximate 25 percent reduction of flood insurance rates for our citizens. The 2015 Annual Report is posted online at www.okaloosaf.com, according to the requirements of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For all reports, follow this link:

<http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/gm/home>.

“The CRS rating is a result of the combined efforts of the hard-working employees in our Growth Management, Public Safety and Public Works departments each year,” stated Commission Chairman Nathan Boyles. In 2011, Okaloosa County and its municipalities adopted a Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS).

In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to provide affordable flood insurance to people who live in areas with the greatest risk of flooding called Special Flood Hazard Areas. Okaloosa County joined the NFIP on July 1, 1977. Residents receive a letter each year encouraging residents to review their flood risk.

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