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PHOTO CAPTION: Paramedic Marysa Kirby and EMT Heather Ward were recognized at a recent County Commission Meeting for their humanitarian act, receiving a Humanitarian Efforts Recognized by Okaloosa County (HERO) award. Pictured L-R: Interim Public Safety Director Paul Lawson Paramedic Marysa Kirby, EMT Heather Ward, EMS Chief Tracey Vause and County Administrator John Hofstad.

Okaloosa County EMS Receive a HERO Award

EMS Responders Marysa Kirby and Heather Ward showed their true character after assisting a nine-year-old girl recently. The little girl suffered a leg injury when she became entangled in her bicycle and responders had to cut the bike in order to free her, ruining the bike. This happy ending wasn't enough for Kirby and Ward – after their long shift, they went together to buy her a new bicycle and for that were recognized with a Humanitarian Efforts Recognized by Okaloosa County (HERO) Award in Okaloosa County.

“We wanted to recognize the truly caring nature that these emergency responders bring to their Public Safety jobs for Okaloosa County citizens,” said Commission Chairman Nathan Boyles.

The Humanitarian Efforts Recognized by Okaloosa County (HERO) award recognizes employees who not only go beyond the scope of what his or her job entails, but has done something of a humanitarian or heroic nature. The HERO Award can include acts occurring outside work hours and submissions by people outside Okaloosa County staff. Above and Beyond forms are available online at www.okaloosafl.com or you may contact 311 Citizen Information Line for more information or to recognize an Okaloosa County employee.

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