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Okaloosa Public Works Equipment Rodeo May 20 in Celebration of *National Public Works Week May 17-23*

Okaloosa County **Public Works Equipment Rodeo Event** is being held in celebration of American Public Works Association (APWA) National Public Works Week. The event will be at the **Baker Area Recreation Center, from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. on May 20, 2015**. The theme for Public Works Week is “Community Begins Here,” and will highlight the key role Public Works plays in building communities.

“We want children and families to see how public servants impact their day to day life, while showing off some of our hard working skilled employees,” said Chairman Nathan Boyles, Okaloosa County Commission. Activities include a Safety Exhibit, Masonry Demonstration and educational displays, along with equipment. A Crane, Excavator, Graders, Tractors, Dump Trucks, Fire Truck, Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office K9 Cruiser and Teen Driver’s Challenge Car will be on hand for students and families to see.

Baker 7th grade and STEM middle school students have been invited from Baker School and the public is encouraged to attend. “Public Works employees live and work in their community, and this will provide an opportunity for their friends and neighbors to see what they do,” said Public Works Director Jason Autrey. “There will be some competition between these highly skilled public works employees, and our department is one of only a few departments in Florida that are accredited by the American Public Works Association.”

Public Works plays a key role in the planning, building and maintenance of infrastructure projects in communities that will allow future generations to enjoy a higher quality of life. The “Community Begins Here” theme recognizes that what Public Works employees do today is vital to a sustainable and vibrant tomorrow. Call 423-4830 for more information.

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