Okaloosa County News Release

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Meet New Beach Safety Division Chief Rich Huffnagle Feb. 20th on WFTW Talk Radio 1260 AM

Rich Huffnagle takes over Okaloosa County Beach Safety, and will discuss the beginning of lifeguard beach patrolling, as well as overall beach safety this spring and summer. Huffnagle appears live on **WFTW Talk Radio on Thursday**, **February 20**, **at 7:30 a.m**. Call in with your questions at 850-664-1260.

Okaloosa Beach Safety will begin active lifeguard operations on **Saturday, March 8**, and will continue daily from **9 a.m. until 6 p.m.**, now until May 26 (Memorial Day weekend), when time is extended from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. through September 1, 2014 (Labor Day). Lifeguards will continue to man the beaches through October 2014.

Rich Huffnagle has worked for Beach Safety since November 2007 and took over as Beach Safety Division Chief on September 1, 2013 replacing Tracey Vause, who is the new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division Chief. "I have worked closely with Tracey, and look forward to the added responsibility in Beach Safety and continuing to work with Tracey and Okaloosa County EMS," said Huffnagle. For more information, contact Beach Safety, 850-609-5405 or the Citizens Information Line at 311 (within the county).