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Shalimar Bridge Gets Cleaned Up

The Shalimar Bridge on Highway 85/Eglin Parkway has been cleaned up by the contractor for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) today. “This was an unfortunate situation which was hidden from the view of those who pass by in vehicles. A lot of positive effort has come from the clean up today. In a collaborative initiative working with the Okaloosa County Public Works Department, Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO), Shalimar Police Department and our county staff, we have resolved this problem quickly,” stated Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel.

FDOT is reinstating trash cans and tightening them down to keep them from walking away. They have implemented a regular schedule to clean up trash left behind. The area will be monitored by the Okaloosa Sheriff’s Department and the Shalimar Police Department who both stated they would have officers walking the bridge on patrol. The Fish and Wildlife Commission are sending officers to monitor fishing licenses.

“This is a wonderful way to start the New Year off in a spirit of cooperation to solve issues that impact our citizens and community. We thank our citizen and active duty veteran Mr. Michael Turner for bringing this to our attention,” added Commissioner Ketchel. “We can make a positive difference for our community when we work together in cooperation.”

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