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EMS Prepared for Changes After Closure of Mid Bay Bridge

Destin – In light of the Florida Department of Transportation and Mid-Bay Bridge Authority’s decision to close the Mid-Bay Bridge, Okaloosa County’s Public Safety Department has mobilized to respond as quickly as possible to all life-threatening emergencies within the city of Destin.

“This closure seals off a major route in and out of Destin” said EMS Chief Darrel Wellborn, “the closure compresses the traffic system and heavily increases congestion. This can increase response times. We are already making adjustments to make sure these increases are not life-threatening for residents, tourists and visitors.”

The County EMS will station two EMS transports in Destin 24/7 and a third during the highest call-volume shift of the day in order to balance out the effects of the closure of the bridge.

“We are all hands on deck for this emergency,” said Chief Wellborn, “all of our command staff is present to deal with this emergency and we will do everything in our power to keep lifelines open.”

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