

# Okaloosa County

## News Release

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### **Seasonal Lifeguards on Okaloosa Island Beaches begins March 9, 2018**

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Okaloosa County Department of Public Safety's Beach Safety Division will begin active seasonal lifeguard operations on Friday, March 9, 2018 and will continue daily from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., through May 28, 2018 (Memorial Day) weekend. After Memorial Day weekend, lifeguard hours are extended from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. through September 3, 2018 (Labor Day). Seasonal Lifeguards will continue to staff the beaches through October 2018. Beach flag conditions will be displayed daily at 9:00 a.m.

Beach Safety lifeguards conduct training throughout the year to maintain their qualifications and preparedness for the summer season. For more information, surf conditions, or if you are interested in becoming a seasonal lifeguard, contact Beach Safety Ocean West Tower at 850-259-4131 or the Citizens Information Line at 311 (within the county).

Okaloosa County Beach Safety urges everyone to be observant of the warning flags placed along public beaches, swim in front of a lifeguard, and make wise choices to be safe in the upcoming summer months.

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#### Flag Warnings:

Green flags indicate a low hazard with calm swimming conditions

Yellow flags indicates a medium hazard

Red flag indicates a high risk of hazardous surf or currents

Double red flag indicates the water is closed for swimming.

Purple flags indicate marine pests are present.

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