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*Board of County Commissioners*

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## **County Staff Help Citizens Recover After Weekend Storms**

**Shalimar** – Okaloosa County Department of Public Safety worked through Sunday night to help displaced residents and take stock of damage after last night's storms.

Damage took place across the southern portion of Okaloosa County. One of the hardest hit areas was an apartment in the center of Fort Walton Beach.

Eight families totaling 20 people who lived in the complex received assistance from the Red Cross and were placed into hotels, provided by the apartment manager, after the storm ended. They will be moved into empty apartments before the week is over.

Damage was also sustained on Okaloosa Island and in the Ocean City area. The Department of Public Safety's five damage assessors will continue to look for and appraise destruction brought by this storm.

**At 11am, the Director of Public Safety, Alvin Henderson, will escort a team from the National Weather Service's Mobile station as they collect data to determine if the storms last night produced a tornado.**

They will meet on US-98, close to Brooks Bridge – We will receive more information as the team gets closer to our area.

If your media outlet would like to send a representative, please call Christopher Saul at 585-7059.

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