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Emergency Responders Collect Food for Sharing & Caring

In celebration of EMS Week and in honor of Emergency Medical Services – what did these hard-working professionals do this week? They filled ambulances with food for Caring and Sharing, whose supplies were dangerously low. Food drives were held at Publix stores in Crestview and Ft. Walton Beach. “We didn’t know what to expect, with food and gas prices what they are and I am overwhelmed by the response we received,” stated EMS Division Chief Al Herndon. “People were going in the store to get one item and coming out with a hundred dollars in donated groceries. Military residents, who sacrifice so much for all of us, were so generous!”

“We just really appreciate the support we received from Publix and community residents – this inspires us to do our job,” stated Public Safety Director Dino Villani. Emergency medical service teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others.

North Okaloosa Medical Center and Ft. Walton Beach Medical Center, as well as other community partners have donated lunch and door prizes for those in the medical field this week in celebration of EMS Week. For more information, contact Okaloosa County Public Safety, 850-651-7150.

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