



# Okaloosa County News Release

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## **Double Red Flag on Okaloosa County Beaches** *Water Closed to Public*

Okaloosa County Public Safety has issued Double Red Flags on the beaches. Public will not be allowed in the water. Additionally, Highway 98 on Okaloosa Island has only one lane currently open. Due to excessive rain, the inside lane is closed.

Shalimar United Methodist Church remains open as a host shelter for evacuees from Louisiana and currently has 19 evacuees. The church is located at One Old Ferry Road, drive east on Highway 98, turn north on Eglin Parkway, then right or east on Old Ferry Road. The American Red Cross Shelter at Shalimar United Methodist Church can be reached at 850-651-0721.

Okaloosa Regional Airport is open; however, some flights have been cancelled. Visitors and residents are urged to call their airlines toll-free or visit [www.flyvps.com](http://www.flyvps.com) to access local flight information. Officials also remind people to monitor television or radio broadcasts for the National Hurricane Center's latest forecast. Please feel free to visit the Public Safety web page s at [www.okaloosaf.com](http://www.okaloosaf.com) for emergency management information.

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