

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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## **New Web Cam Displays Beach Warning Flags *Check Out Beach Conditions Before Heading to the Island***

A new Okaloosa County web site was recently launched by the Board of County Commission with many new features, and now the Beach Web Cam has been added to the home page. If you are heading to the beach, you can check the conditions and see the flag flying on the beach. Perhaps you are sitting at a desk and just need to escape to the beach scene for a moment! Just visit [www.okaloosaf.com](http://www.okaloosaf.com) and you can do both.

“The new web cam shows the flag flying; however, if you want to learn about the flag system and what each color means, you can still select the Public Safety icon, and then go to the Beach Safety page,” reminded Beach Safety Chief Tracey Vause. Please be observant of the warning flags placed along public beaches. Green flags indicate favorable swimming conditions, yellow flags- medium hazard, red flags- high hazard, and purple flags indicate marine pests are present. If a double red flag is flying, the water is closed. Residents are encouraged to use this website to help make informed decisions on appropriate swimming times and locations and be safe this summer.

Lifeguards and Beach Safety Teams experience training throughout the year to maintain their qualifications and prepare them for the summer season. Additionally, they have Junior Lifeguard Programs running in the summer. For more information, contact Beach Safety, 850-609-5405 or if you have trouble with the Beach Cam you may need to upgrade your Java by visiting [www.java.com](http://www.java.com).

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