

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

## **NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP TO BE HELD ON JUNE 18** *Take Public Transportation to Answer America's Biggest Challenges*

As America's economic challenges continue, Okaloosa County Transit announced that it will join with other public transportation systems nationwide to participate in the fourth annual National Dump the Pump Day on June 18. Sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), the 2009 National Dump the Pump Day is a day that encourages people to ride public transportation to save money, protect the environment, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and improve our quality of life. In honor of the event, citizens are encouraged to ride the WAVE free on Thursday, June 18. This promotional event includes all WAVE routes in Crestview, Fort Walton Beach, Destin and also includes route 14, the WAVE Express.

National Dump the Pump Day on June 18 is an opportunity for people across the country to ease the strain on their wallets and provide a more secure future for America. For WAVE route information visit Okaloosa County Transit online at [www.rideoct.org](http://www.rideoct.org) or see the latest WAVE Ride Guide available on board all WAVE vehicles. Ridership of the WAVE in 2008 reached 210,585 an increase of 15% from the previous year. The WAVE is made possible by funding from Federal and State grant programs, the TDC and Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners. Call 833-9168 in Fort Walton Beach and 689-7809 in Crestview for more information.

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