

# Okaloosa County News Release

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## **Okaloosa County EMS & Publix Food Drive is 1-4 PM Tuesday *EMS Week May 17-23***

Okaloosa County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is sponsoring a food drive on **Tuesday, May 19, 2009**. The **EMS Week Food Drive** will be held in the Publix parking lot at Paradise Point Shopping Center, in the south and in the Crestview Publix, from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Look for the ambulance in the parking lot. All the food collected will be donated to the Sharing and Caring of Okaloosa County.

“This is the third annual food drive held during **EMS Week which is May 17 through 23** this year,” stated EMS Division Chief Al Herndon. “This year’s theme is EMS: A Proud Partner in Your Community.”

“Our partnership with Publix each year demonstrates this year’s theme of partnering with the community, and we appreciate our many community partners and the dedication of emergency personnel, all year,” added Public Safety Director Dino Villani. Emergency medical service teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others. For more information contact 850-651-7150.

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### **EMS Week Radio Schedule:**

**Sunday, May 17** - Tune in at 7 a.m. to FLY92.1, 7:30 on MIX 103.1 and 8 a.m. on WAVE 102.1. Aimee Shaffer will interview **EMS Shift Captain Darrel Welborn**.

**Thursday, May 21** – Tune into **WFTW** Talk Radio **1260** for guests EMS Division Chief Al Herndon & Beach Safety Division Chief Tracey Vause. They will discuss **EMS Week & Beach Safety** with Host Ken Walsh.