

Okaloosa County News Release

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Lifeguards Patrolling Okaloosa County Beaches

Okaloosa County Lifeguards are patrolling county beaches now through October 31, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

“The Okaloosa County Beach Safety Program will begin its sixth season this year, and received their United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) certification in 2007,” stated Okaloosa County Public Safety Director Dino Villani. USLA certification is a two-year process of developing an organization to reach the accreditation level through physical fitness training, equipment requirements and a technical evaluation of the level of medical care.

Lifeguards and Beach Safety Teams experience training throughout the year to maintain their qualifications and prepare them for the summer season. 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 pets are present. If a double red flag is flying, the water is closed for swimming. Choose to make wise choices and to be safe this summer. For more information, contact Beach Safety, 850-651-7150.

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