

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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## **Public Safety to Participate in Emergency Preparedness Conference**

Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Divisions of Okaloosa County Public Safety will participate in the May 20 Emergency Preparedness for Persons with Disabilities Conference being held at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. The purpose of the Conference, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., is to collaborate, strategize and organize local officials who have the responsibility for preparedness and response for the general populations, including people with disabilities and the various agencies who serve them.

Okaloosa County Public Safety will be on hand to answer questions and provide shelter information, as well as provide information about Code Red Weather Warnings and Ready Okaloosa. EMS Division Chief Al Herndon and Emergency Management Division Chief Randy McDaniel will also speak at the conference. Additionally, the Okaloosa County Health Department will be in attendance to address health aspects during an emergency.

“You can never be too prepared,” stated Public Safety Director Dino Villani. “I encourage everyone to not only have a weather radio in their homes, but also to register for Ready Okaloosa and the Severe Weather Warning (Code Red).”

Please feel free to call 850-651-7150 to register for Ready Okaloosa and the Code Red Weather Warning System, or register online at [www.okaloosaf1.com](http://www.okaloosaf1.com). The conference is free and open to the public, especially those with disabilities. Call 850-595-5566 or toll free 1-877-245-2457 for additional details.

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