



Okaloosa County News Release

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Okaloosa County Launches New Program for Road Updates, with Maps

Okaloosa County GIS and Public Works Departments worked all day Wednesday and Thursday (April 1, 2), to launch a new computer program that will provide detailed updates on the openings, closings and repair of roads, before, during and after a storm. This new program can be accessed from the home page at www.okaloosaf.com, just look for the scrolling road updates link.

After heavy rains and flooding over the weekend in Crestview, Laurel Hill and Baker, the Okaloosa County Commissioners tasked these departments to provide detailed information to residents as quickly and easily as possible. "We had worse flooding in the north than we had in recent hurricanes," stated Public Works Director Danielle Slaterpryce. Crews worked throughout the weekend and are on alert for Thursday's rain event.

Okaloosa County continues to urge residents and visitors to use patience and caution on area roadways as heavy rainfall has caused significant road flooding particularly in the northern areas of the county. "It isn't just the excess water, but also many roads have deep holes that cannot be seen at night," stated Public Works Director Danielle Slaterpryce. "It is very dangerous, and we have closed these roads and urge residents to adhere to these signs and do not try to cross."

Boats are not safe either, as debris can be dangerous in and around damaged roads, and there could be health risks. If you have experienced flooding and are concerned about health issues, visit our web site for news updates.

"Turn Around, Don't Drown," is being urged by Okaloosa County health and public safety officials and the National Weather Service. If you need assistance in a flooded area, call 911. Also, take this opportunity to register for **Code Red** online at www.okaloosaf.com and you will be called with weather warnings in your neighborhood. Select the Public Safety icon from the home page for code red information and weather updates. Continue to monitor our website and local forecast. For more information, call 850-651-7150 or visit www.okaloosaf.com, www.YouTube.com/FloridaSERT .

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