



# Okaloosa County News Release

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**Weather Warning**

## **Okaloosa County Declares State of Emergency**

Okaloosa County Commissioners declared a State of Emergency in Okaloosa County today at a 3 p.m. special meeting. "I was happy to see the crews out working over the weekend and urge residents to be patient as crews work to restore roads and bridges," stated Commissioner Harris, who along with Commissioner Roberts' District in the north, have received extensive damage.

The Public Safety Department is monitoring for flash floods and the Okaloosa County Public Works Department crews are out making repairs and inspections, as weather permits. Road activity will continue to be updated and openings/closings can be accessed from the home page at [www.okaloosaf.com](http://www.okaloosaf.com).

Okaloosa County continues to urge residents and visitors in Okaloosa County to use 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. . Many Okaloosa County parks and boat ramps are closed as well. 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](http://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](http://www.okaloosaf.com), [www.YouTube.com/FloridaSERT](http://www.YouTube.com/FloridaSERT) .

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