

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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## **Lifeguard Towers Close until Spring 2010**

Okaloosa Beach Safety will be ending summer operations on Okaloosa Island beginning October 31, 2009. All lifeguard towers will be unmanned until March 2010. A new lifeguard tower was added to the Okaloosa Island Pier recently, which will improve beach safety tremendously for next season.

Please use caution when visiting Okaloosa Beaches during the fall and winter season. Heavy surf and strong currents are commonly present during this time making for extremely hazardous conditions. Officials also recommend to swim in areas with lifeguards on duty and to always utilize caution when in the water. If you are planning a day at the beach over the winter, check out the Okaloosa Beach Safety Website for important information on conditions and hazards. Visit [www.co.okaloosa.fl.us](http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us) and select Public Safety from the home page. Call 850-609-5111 or 651-7150 for more information.

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