

# **Okaloosa County News Release-1**

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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill #6

## **Okaloosa County Deepwater Horizon Update**

Okaloosa County Task Force has developed a Local Action Plan and submitted it to the State for approval. **Details about training, an impact survey and Okaloosa County's Local Action Plan follow:** (Also visit [www.okaloosaf1.com](http://www.okaloosaf1.com) to view Local Action Plan.) Currently our beaches and waterways are open for business.

**Training:** Training sessions for response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill have been scheduled for Okaloosa County and are available at no cost. Training will consist of three modules (the modules are only offered as 1 & 2 combined, or 1, 2, & 3 combined):

Module 1 – 45 minutes: Designed for volunteers who may be assisting in the removal of clean debris and would not come in contact with spilled oil.

Module 2 – 45 minutes: Designed for persons working at a staging site.

Module 3 – 4 hours: Designed for personnel who will be having direct contact with contaminated materials, such as Humane Society, Friends of Beaches, Turtle Rescue Operations, etc.

The following schedule will be followed on each of the four dates listed below:

Module 1, 2 & 3 (combined) – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Module 1 & 2 (combined) – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Module 1 & 2 (combined) – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday May 12, 2010**

Northwest Florida State College **Fort Walton Beach Campus**

Room 126: Conference Room (seats 100)

1170 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

### **Thursday May 13, 2010**

Northwest Florida State College **Niceville Campus**

College Mall, K-Building (seats 100)

100 College Boulevard

Niceville, FL 32578

### **Friday May 14, 2010**

Northwest Florida State College **Niceville Campus**

Room D-140, D-Building Lecture Hall (seats 75)

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# Okaloosa County News Release-2

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## Saturday May 15, 2010

Northwest Florida State College Fort Walton Beach Campus

Room 126: Conference Room (seats 100)

**To register**, send an e-mail with the subject line "Fort Walton Beach Oil Response Training" or "Niceville Oil Response Training" to [horizonresponse@pecpremier.com](mailto:horizonresponse@pecpremier.com). Include your name, a contact telephone number, and your preferred training date/time/location. Alternately, you may call 1-866-448-5816 and register by phone.

### **Protecting Waterways:**

- **The Okaloosa County Local Action Plan for Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill has been posted on our web site at [www.okaloosaf.com](http://www.okaloosaf.com).** We are awaiting approval from Florida Department of Environment Protection (FDEP), as required.
- Booming has begun in Okaloosa County.
- A priority for booming will be to stop any oil before it reaches Destin East Pass to protect bays, bayous and inlets.
- Eglin AFB is providing existing plans and technical assistance for the booming.
- Reconnaissance & Patrol of beaches is being conducted by Okaloosa County Beach Safety, Sheriff Deputies, Civil Air Patrol, Florida Fish & Wildlife & FDEP.

### **Wildlife:**

- Volunteer training is being done by **Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge for wildlife** assistance. And the ECWR will be the lead agency on wildlife, assisted by Florida Fish and Wildlife, as well as locally by the Gulfarium.

### **Existing and future updates:**

- **Florida emergency management and economic development staff are gathering information from businesses impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.** Please take a moment to **complete the survey** and provide crucial information that will help shape Florida's response to this event. The survey will be updated periodically, so please check back, as your specific situation and information may change with time. Thank you!

**Use this survey link:** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/37NF5BL>

- The 311 Citizens Information Line is up to date and a great source of info; (dial 311, ext. 8 for recorded updates or 0 for operator). Outside Okaloosa County call 850-423-4894 and select 0 or 8.
- Visit our web site and select 311 for more citizens' information, and access to recent news releases.
- Follow us on twitter at OKALOOSAEOC.

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