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International Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week May 18- May 24, 2014

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week is a celebration of the professionals who work twenty-four hours a day every day to serve those who are in need. Not only is it a celebration of the personnel, but also a chance for the public (our customer) to meet the crews and learn more about what we do. The schedule for the week includes the following:

- May 15: Marysa Kirby will be a guest on WFTW 1260 AM morning talk show to discuss EMS week, upcoming activities, and answer questions. Call 850-664-1260 to ask Marysa a question or express your gratitude to these hard-working emergency responders.
- May 20: Food Drive at Publix (Racetrack Rd & Eglin Pkwy) in Fort Walton Beach from 11:00am to 3:00pm.
- May 22: Food Drive at Publix (Ferdon Blvd) in Crestview from 11:00am to 3:00pm.
- May 23: EMS Picnic and Celebration for EMS employees and their families at Liza Jackson Park in Fort Walton Beach. Food will be graciously provided by Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. Prizes will be raffled off this year with proceeds from the raffle benefitting St. Jude's Cares for Kids Foundation. 11:00am to 3:00pm.
- May 23: EMS, in coordination with One Blood Donation Center (formerly Northwest Florida Blood Center), will be hosting a community blood drive at Liza Jackson Park from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

“We appreciate the generous community support we have received already and look forward to celebrating the contributions of our committed employees with the citizens of Okaloosa County,” stated EMS Division Chief Tracey Vause. Okaloosa County EMS is committed to the development of training programs, guidelines and equipment for its emergency care providers. Emergency medical service teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others. For more information, contact Okaloosa County Public Safety, 850-651-7150.

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