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## **Department of Public Safety Prepares for Possible Tropical Weather**

**Niceville** – The Okaloosa Department of Public Safety Continues to monitor Invest 90L, a storm in the Gulf of Mexico near the Yucatan Peninsula.

According to the National Weather Service, Invest 90L has a 40% chance of development in the next 48 hours and an 80% chance of development in the next 5 days.

Storm models continually put this storm's landfall somewhere between Panama City Beach and Mobile.

“We are ready for this storm,” said Public Safety Director Stefan Vaughn, “We have a cadre of experts in our Emergency Operations Center with decades of experience in handling storms. Okaloosa County is ready for whatever Mother Nature throws at us.”

Sandbags and sand are available upon request at the north and south county public works yards. 1759 S Ferdon Blvd, Crestview, FL 32536 and 84 Ready Ave NW, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

The National Weather Service has another briefing at 2:30 Central time.

We will make every effort to ensure the citizens of the county have the latest information possible. We would like to remind everyone to have the appropriate supplies on hand in case of a storm. If you need to make a storm kit, there are plenty of resources online to tell you what you need.

Follow this link for an example: <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>

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