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Board of County Commissioners

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Okaloosa County to lower flags in honor of Corporal Ray Hamilton

Okaloosa County, Fla. – To honor the memory and sacrifice of Okaloosa County Sheriff Corporal Ray Hamilton, and in accordance with a memorandum from the office of Gov. Ron DeSantis, Okaloosa County will be lowering the flags to half-staff at County-maintained buildings from sunrise to sunset on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022.

Corporal Hamilton was killed in the line of duty while responding to a call on Christmas Eve.

"Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Corporal Hamilton and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office during this difficult time," says Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners Chairman-elect Trey Goodwin. "He will always be remembered for his service and sacrifice to the citizens of Okaloosa County. All residents of Okaloosa County should take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices of Corporal Hamilton and his fellow officers before him who also gave the ultimate sacrifice to keep us safe."

Corporal Hamilton, a five-year veteran with the agency, had received two lifesaving awards and been commended for his excellence.

Read Gov. DeSantis' memorandum at https://www.flgov.com/flag-memos/.

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