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### Wakulla County EMS Celebrates Successful Inspection

Crawfordville, Florida – Wakulla County EMS has extended its exceptionally long stint of “No Deficit Inspections” by achieving yet another such rating. On Tuesday, August 25, 2009 the State of Florida Emergency Medical Service Department made an unannounced visit to the County EMS Buildings.

The State inspection is extremely detailed and takes approximately four hours to complete. The inspection consists of a full equipment inventory from bulk storage climate control to all ambulance’s equipment inventory. In addition to item by item for EMS records and vehicle status, the inspector also examines administrative files for training and administrative requirements. “Maintaining this level of excellence even when no one is watching is the only way you can survive an unannounced inspection and come forth with a no deficits rating. This no deficit inspection is only a one day “report card” of the ongoing efforts of the County’s EMS staff”, said Fran Council, EMS Director.

This inspection is the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive “No Deficit” inspection awarded to Wakulla County EMS. “Today is a day to celebrate, the County has an Advanced Life Support service that has consistently accomplished something that some of the most famous agencies in the world can’t declare”, commented Scott McDermid, Public Safety Director.