

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
BROADCAST LOCALISM HEARING
RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA
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**PARK OWENS
Director
Rapid City-Pennington County Emergency Management**

Park Owens is a Department Head in City-County Government as the Director of Emergency Management for Rapid City and Pennington County South Dakota and has been for 12 years.

Prior to his emergency management appointment, Mr. Owens spent 22 years in the U S Air Force working primarily in public information, emergency operations and nuclear weapons.

Mr. Owens' formal education includes an undergraduate degree in Broadcast Journalism, a graduate degree in Public Administration and post-graduate work in communications and motivation theory. He has also completed the Advanced Public Information Officer Course at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Mr. Owens is a South Dakota-certified Emergency Manager and has taught Incident Command System (ICS) and Public Information Officer courses for the past 10 years. He has filled both Logistics and Public Information Officer positions in the ICS structure during his time as an Emergency Manager.

Mr. Owens is also active in the community. His volunteer background includes three years on the board of directors of the Black Hills Chapter of the American Red Cross serving as the Treasurer one year and the President of the Chapter the next. He is also a former President of Leadership Rapid City and is currently the 1st Vice President and Finance Officer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills.

Mr. Owens has been married to Lois for more than 30 years and has two grown sons...Jeff a U S Coast Guard Officer on his way to Coast Guard Helicopter Training and Mark a Japanese interpreter working for the Federal Government.