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Leon County Emergency Management Director Elected President of FEPA

Leon County Emergency Management Director Richard Smith has been elected President of the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA). The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) is an organization of Emergency Management professionals created for the purpose of advancing the Emergency Management programs of the State of Florida and its 67 counties in an effort to preserve and protect the quality of life for 16 million Florida residents.

Richard Smith currently serves as Emergency Management/9-1-1 System Director for Leon County, Florida. Richard began his career in emergency management in 1981 as a Nuclear Civil Protection Specialist with the Florida Bureau of Disaster Preparedness. Since 1981, Smith has held positions with the FEPA Bureau of South Florida Area, Pasco County Disaster Preparedness Director and Pasco County 9-1-1 System Director. He left Pasco County in 1989 to accept his current position with Leon County.

The term Emergency Management became a household term during the 2004 and 2005 Hurricane Season. FEPA recognizes the opportunities and challenges that Emergency Managers now face as they stand on the threshold of redefining their profession and the delivery of critical services to our citizens.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "Richard Smith's election as the President of FEPA not only benefits our community but the entire State of Florida. His diverse experience in emergency management and closeness to his counterparts at Florida Emergency Management Operations will contribute to critical responses state wide".



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