

Larry Janes, South Dakota 811

Larry grew up in Jamestown, North Dakota and attended Valley City State College.

He began his career in 1970 as a lineman with Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Jamestown and held various outside plant positions in Jamestown, Fessenden, and Carrington. His duties included placing aerial and buried cable, locating buried facilities, and splicing copper and fiber optic lines.

He also held Product and Project Manager positions in the corporate headquarters of US West in Omaha, Nebraska from 1983 to 1988, after which he moved back to North Dakota (Grand Forks) to manage outside plant operations in Northeastern North Dakota, including Grand Forks, the Grand Forks Air Force Base, Northwestern Minnesota and surrounding communities.

In 1997 he and his family found themselves in Rapid City with his US West job, managing outside crews involved in designed services and cable maintenance in Rapid City and the Northern Hills.

After retiring from Qwest in 2004, he managed the safety program for FSH Communications.

Larry accepted his position as executive director of South Dakota One Call, now referred to as South Dakota 811, in August 2009.

Larry resides in Rapid City with his wife, Deb. They have one adult son, who lives in Minneapolis.