

## **Col. Brenda Dietzman (Ret)**

Col. Brenda Dietzman (Ret) is a passionate speaker who has more than 28 years of law enforcement and corrections experience. Upon retiring she co-founded Wayfinder Consulting, LLC., an organization that provides evidence-based training solutions and inspiring presentations for individual and organizational improvement delivered by caring professionals. She has presented at numerous national, state and local events for both private and public sector organizations. Her areas of expertise include: resilience, generations, recruiting and retention, leadership, developing women leaders, and ethics. Her company also consults with organizations to improve processes and provides ways to strengthen and grow relationships between public and private entities.

In 2019, Col. Dietzman retired from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office as the undersheriff in charge of jail operations. She oversaw two facilities with a total population of 1400+ inmates, 300+ employees and a \$33 million budget. During her time in law enforcement, she also served as the captain in charge of the Patrol Division and the Judicial Division, a lieutenant in both the Patrol Division and the Special Project Unit, a Community Policing sergeant, detective, and deputy.

During her career, she was awarded two bronze medals of Meritorious Conduct, two bronze medals of Outstanding Service, and the Core Value Award from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office. Also, she was named the ASIS Officer of the Year, Wichita Crime Commission Officer of the Year, Thomas Hopkins Post & Aux. Officer of the Year, Sedgwick County Board of County Commission Chairman's Award Recipient, Wichita Crime Commission Humanitarian of the Year, and the American Red Cross Volunteer of the Year.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Wichita State University. She completed the Mini-MPA from Wichita State University. She enjoys traveling, photography, mountain biking, running, and reading. She is married and has three adorable rescue dogs.