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## **Hopper to Become Bronze Falls First Chief Information Security Officer**

**Bronze Falls** – Mayor Bridget Adams Moore announced at a morning press conference the hiring of Dr. Susan Hopper as Chief Information Security Officer for the City of Bronze Falls. Dr. Hopper became a consultant to the City in the initial phases of the Smarter Bronze Falls Initiative (SBFI), and last year conducted a comprehensive overview of the city’s cybersecurity infrastructure. Her report recommended the establishment of an Office of Information Security, which was enabled by grant awards from the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Energy (DOE). “This was a highly-competitive hiring process – it was a national search, and we had solid internal and external candidates. Dr. Hopper is a little bit of both,” remarked Mayor Moore.

Hopper has a background of 20 years in the United States Navy before she entered the private sector in 2015. Hopper plans to sell her firm Hopper and Associates, which has clients in twenty different countries and throughout the United States. “I had decided I wanted to travel less and spend more time with my family. Having grown up in Bronze Falls, I wanted to come home and help Bronze Falls to become a national model of a safe, sustainable, resilient and thriving small city.”

Mayor Moore introduced Hopper to “We are pleased to have her talents to help us make Bronze Falls cybersafe and secure. Welcome home, Dr. Hopper.” Mayor Moore also announced that further details would be forthcoming about the Office of Information Security, which will be reporting directly to the Mayor and Council and City Manager Alexis Woolcott. The new city division is expected to work with every other city agency, but especially closely with Departments of Information Technology, Public Works, Public Services and Public Safety.

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