

## Deborah Newman Area 5 Director Innovation Analyst, City of Colorado Springs

Deborah Newman works for the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, as an Innovation Analyst, in the Office of Innovation. She focuses is on using technology to collect and analyze information to enable data-driven decision-making, to resolve the community's pressing issues and improve the quality of life, while ensuring a sustainable future.

Prior to this position Deborah was a business development representative with Axis Security, a cybersecurity start-up, that provided secure remote network access using zero trust technology. Axis Security was acquired by Hewlett Packet Enterprises in 2023.

Additionally, Deborah owns a family entertainment small business, called Dart Wars. It is an indoor nerf battlefield arena, located in Colorado Springs. Her husband and her bought it in 2019 after military retirement. They have expanded to a second store and are looking to franchise nationwide.

Deborah retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Air Force (USAF) in 2019. She spent over 20 years in the USAF in the cyber operations career field. After retirement, Deborah initially spent time as a substitute teacher for grades from Pre-K to 12th grade, while launching Dart Wars and before joining the work force full time.

Deborah earned her bachelor's degree in Geological Engineering from Missouri S&T, in December 1998, when it was still called University of Missouri Rolla. She later earned her masters, in International Relations, from the University of Oklahoma in 2007. She also earned a Masters in Business Administration from Colorado Technical University and in 2022.

Deborah actively volunteers in her community. She is a coach for multiple youth sports teams, for both soccer and basketball. She supports her Church as a volunteer for youth faith formation classes. She is also active in her children's schools' Parent Teacher Organizations, currently as the VP for the middle school PTO. Additionally, since 2018, her and her family have been a foster home to kids in need.

As a student, Deborah was a member of Chi Omega, Student Council, Omega Sigma and participated in the Air Force ROTC.

Deborah is originally from St Peters Missouri, and now lives in Colorado Springs CO, where she has been since 2014. She has three children, one boy and two girls. They have a mixed breed rescue dog that has a friendly hound-dog bark, and two rescue kittys that shed way too much.

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