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New warden named at South Dakota Women's Prison

Pierre, S.D. – A familiar face will take over the reigns of the South Dakota Women's Prison later this fall.

Brenda Hyde will be the next warden at the Women's Prison, replacing Dwane Russell, who will retire on October 8th.

Hyde, currently the Associate Warden at the Women's Prison, began her career in corrections as a Data Control Clerk in 1989 at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls. She has also served as a counselor, case manager and chief of security during her time with the Department of Corrections (DOC).

"Brenda brings a wealth of experience that will serve her well as warden," said Corrections Secretary Tim Reisch. "I am extremely confident in her skills and abilities."

Russell is the only Warden the Women's Prison has had in its nearly 12-year history. He began his work with the DOC while the prison was under construction in Pierre as part of the Solem Public Safety Center, which is also home to the DOC Administration offices as well as the Pierre Police Department and Hughes County Sheriff's Department. Prior to working with the DOC, Russell spent more than 19 years working for the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, two years with the Spearfish Police Department and served four years in the United States Navy.

"Warden Russell has served with great distinction throughout his tenure with the DOC and throughout his many years as a law enforcement officer," said Reisch. "We wish him the best as he enters retirement."

Hyde has also been with the Women's Prison since it opened in October of 1997. She will assume the duties of warden on October 9th.