

## **A letter from the Director.**

In the Department of Public Works, we are more than just a team; we are a family of 86 dedicated individuals who take pride in keeping Salina safe and clean every single day. As administrators, designers, engineers, technicians, operators, stewards of the environment, and emergency responders, we work hand in hand to ensure our community thrives.

**WE ARE ADMINISTRATORS.** As administrators, we are the backbone of the department's operations. We provide outstanding customer service to our citizens, vendors, and outside contacts. We manage schedules, coordinate projects, handle communications, and provide essential logistical support.

**WE ARE DESIGNERS AND ENGINEERS.** As designers and engineers, we craft the blueprint for our city's roads and bridges, enabling smooth and safe movement for all. Our work impacts everyone, from motorists to pedestrians, and we collaborate with various stakeholders to build the essential infrastructure that supports our residents and businesses alike.

**WE ARE TECHNICIANS.** As technicians, we maintain and service a diverse fleet of vehicles, standing ready to respond to emergencies whenever needed. Our expertise ensures that our city and county vehicles are always in top-notch condition, ready to serve our community at a moment's notice.

**WE ARE OPERATORS.** As operators, we take care of the landfill, handling solid waste responsibly to safeguard our environment. With cutting-edge technology and industry best practices, we work diligently to reduce the impact on nature and wildlife.

**WE ARE STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT.** As environmental stewards, we collect and dispose of waste, operating the Salina Drive-thru Recycling Center and Household Hazardous Waste Facility. By processing tons of recyclables and hazardous products, we contribute to preserving our environment for future generations.

**WE ARE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.** As emergency responders, we maintain and repair our roadways and bridges, tackling asphalt, concrete, and other crucial infrastructure repairs throughout the city. In all seasons, we are there to treat ice and snow, clear roadways from debris, and support our community during special events and emergencies.

**WE ARE PUBLIC WORKS!** Together, we embody the spirit of public works, striving to make a difference in Salina. Our motto guides us: "Building and maintaining a clean, safe community in order to enhance the quality of life in Salina and help make it a vibrant place to live, work, and play." We welcome talented and motivated individuals to join our family, as together, we shape a better future for Salina.

Here in the Department of Public Works, you'll discover a supportive work environment that encourages innovation and embraces diversity. If you're interested in an opportunity to help shape the future and make a difference in our community, I'd happily invite you to apply for one of our open positions to become part of our Department of Public Works family!

Sincerely,

*Jim Teutsch*

Director of Public Works