



# SAFE AND SECURE CITY

GOAL TEAM 2



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# STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

## 2. Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

### *Strategies:*

- **2.1 Be the safest city in West Texas:** Enhance public safety programs.
- **2.2 Improve pedestrian and motorist safety:** Invest in traffic management and infrastructure.
- **2.3 Implement effective code enforcement strategies:** Address nuisances to improve overall health and safety.
- **2.4 Revitalize neighborhoods:** Utilize best practices to support the redevelopment of neighborhoods.
- **2.5 Enhance animal services:** Ensure the welfare of pets and wildlife in the city.
- **2.6 Grow and retain public safety resources:** Expand law enforcement presence and fire reduction & prevention programs while reducing attrition.



# GOAL TWO: SAFE AND SECURE CITY

## Midland Police Department

### Safe Passage Initiative

- **Operation Intersection-DATES**
  - 2,267 traffic stops
  - 1,388 citations.
  - 54 arrests.
  - 1 vehicle pursuit.
- **Operation Cruise Control-DATES ongoing**
  - 723 traffic stops
  - 333 citations
  - 20+ arrests
- **Decreased Collisions**
- **Decreased in non-traffic related crimes in focused area**



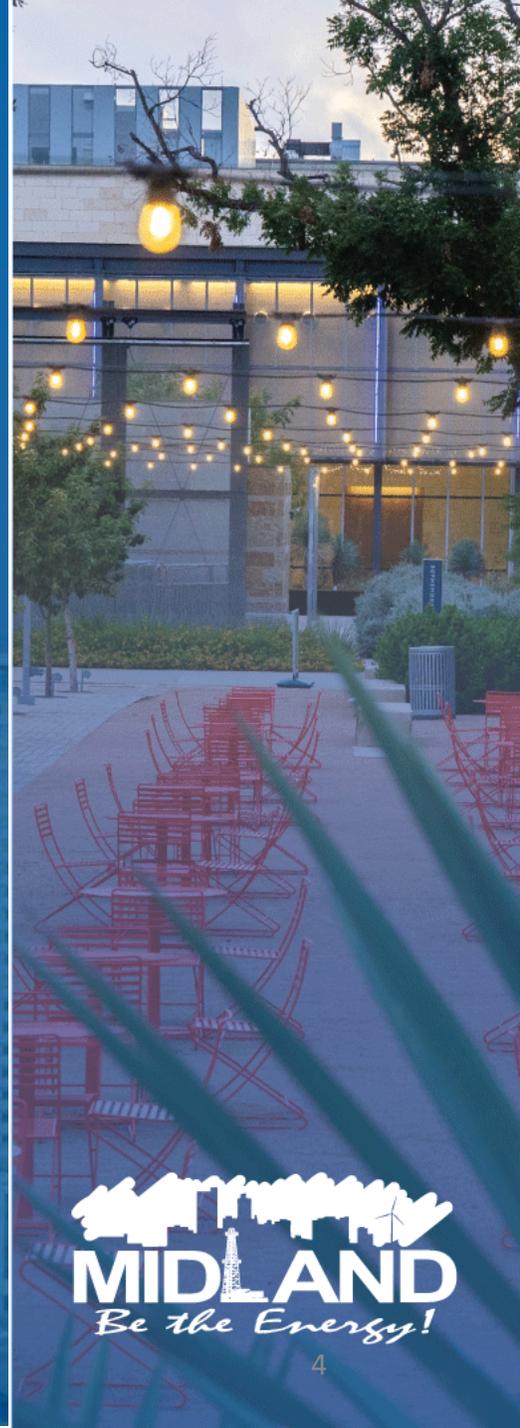


# CRIME DROPS



# IN MIDLAND

- Homicide -28.57%
- Robbery -25%
- Assault -12.64%
- Burglary -16.71%
- Larceny/Theft -6.51%
- Motor Vehicle Theft -18.93%
- Total Part 1 crimes -10.43%*



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## Fire Department

- **IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert & Warning System)**
  - Testing on-going
  - Public Information campaign at system launch
- **21,776 Incidents (3.6% increase)**
  - County – 4,036 incidents (18.53%)
  - EMS
    - 16,413 Incidents (2,971 County – 18.1%)
    - 19,270 Patients
    - 12,130 Transports



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## Midland Fire Department

- PPE risk assessment and wear test completed 8/24
  - InnoTex was selected as the department's PPE provider, offering the best combination of performance and price
    - \$20,000 annual savings
  - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1851 requirement



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## Animal Services

- **Animal Intakes:** 5,599 animals in 2024, 19% increase from 2023.
- **Return-to-Owner Rate:** Improved to 11.58% from 10.95% in 2023, despite higher intakes.
- **Adoptions & Rescues:** 1,342 adoptions; 824 dogs rescued; 70.55% live release rate.
- **Expanded Services:** Launched Pet Pantry and Foster Program to support pet owners and improve outcomes.
- **Animal Control:** Responded to 6,220 calls, enhancing community and animal safety.



# DR. AMY LOWE

## Veterinarian and Global Health Specialist

### Background:

- Born and raised in Nova Scotia, Canada.
- Graduated from Atlantic Veterinary College, Prince Edward Island (2012).
- Resides in Houston with 4 cats: Mal, Naledi, Bodhi, and Lita.
- Passionate about surgery, often found behind the surgery table listening to Taylor Swift.

### Educational Pursuits:

- Completed a Masters of Global Health (2017).
- Currently completing a Masters of Tropical Animal Health.



### Professional Experience

- Experience in small animal and feline general practice.
- Worked in emergency practice, teaching at a vet tech school, and international spay/neuter trips.
- Lifelong commitment to volunteering and working with shelters locally and internationally.
- Currently providing HQHVSN (High-Quality High-Volume Spay/Neuter) services for shelters and rescues in Houston.

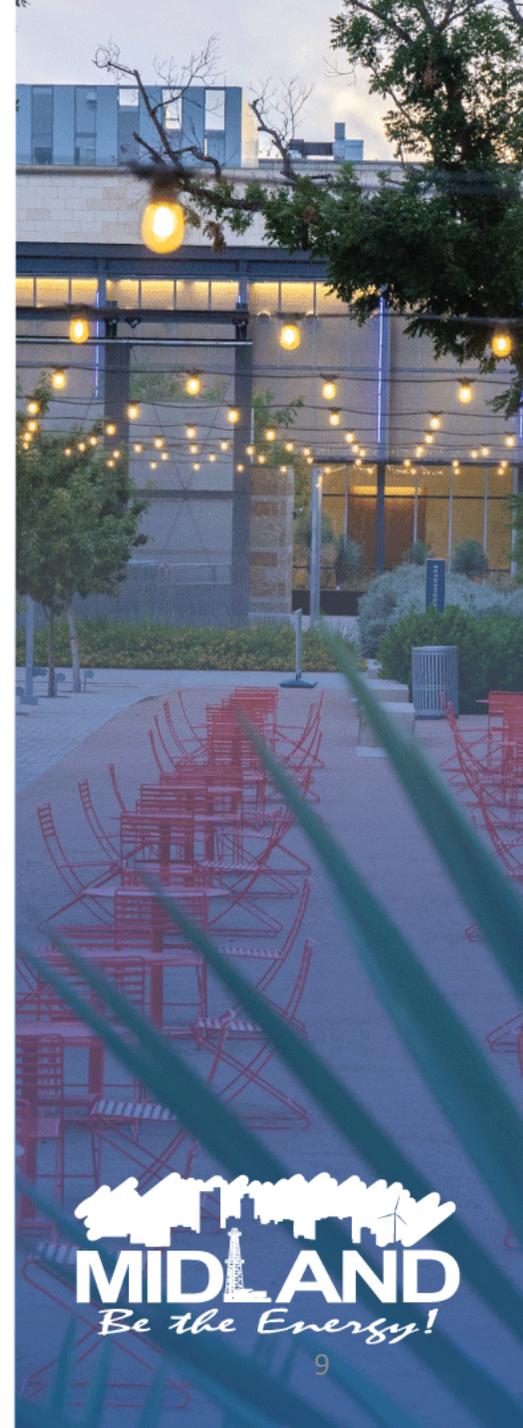
### Global Experience:

- Work in the One Health field has taken me to various countries.
- Involved in international shelter medicine efforts.

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## Midland Health Department

- **7,481 patients seen for immunization**
- **973 Health Inspections completed**
- **16 vaccine clinics**
  - Held at the Health Department and off-site
- **389 Texas notifiable condition investigations**



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## Code Enforcement

- **Focus on Case Volume:**
  - Monthly caseload **quadrupled** since April, from 280 average monthly cases to more than 1,100 cases
  - Added **3 new** officers, emphasis on **proactive** patrolling, focused on **efficiency** to keep officers in the field longer
- **Focus on Efficient Enforcement:**
  - Despite higher case volumes, **closure rates improved to 90%** (up from 87%)
  - Closure **efficiency improved** across case types; since May, **86%** of closed cases closed within 30 days (up from 81%)

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## Code Enforcement

### Focus on Process Improvements:

- Board and secure process for vacant, dangerous buildings streamlined via ordinance;
  - **Result:** Vaughn Building successfully + efficiently secured; costs recovered from owner and process is replicable
- Abatement process for weeds + junked lots streamlined via administrative change;
  - **Result:** Several severely junked lots are now cleared within 30 days

BEFORE



AFTER



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# MISSION

Deliver exceptional services and promote a high quality of life and place for ALL our citizens.

