*"The Plumber Protects the Health of the Nation"* a slogan from the 1920's couldn't be any truer today than it was then. When you open a faucet, you have no worries on whether the water is safe to drink. When you bath, wash clothes, or use the bathroom, there are no second thoughts as to where the waste goes or what harm it may cause if left untreated. As a Plumbing Inspector for the City of Grand Island, I am grateful the City had the wisdom and the foresight to appoint a Plumbing Board. The oversite of this board has done a remarkable job staying abreast of all the changes within the plumbing industry, reviewing plumbing codes and making recommendations to the city council, and for developing minimum standards and qualifications for the licensing of individuals who work in the plumbing trade. While plumbers are not "First Responders" they are "First Preventers", protecting the health of our community. Without the leadership of the Grand Island Plumbing Board, Grand Island would be a very different place!