

Lytle Police

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Richey Priest, Chief of Police

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Quarterly Newsletter

New Feature - Text Us Your Anonymous Tips!

We now have the ability to receive anonymous tips via text messages. This is a new feature and for now it will be monitored by two staff members. Please understand you may not get an immediate response.

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY OR NEED AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE PLEASE CALL 911 OR OUR DISPATCH

Text us at: 888777

Initial Message: tiplytlepd

This will open an anonymous dialog with Lytle PD

If you visit our website there is a tipping link on the left side of the PD homepage. You can open that page and click on the "submit tip" and even add pictures.



Message from the Chief

Summer is in full swing and life is good. We are looking forward toward the fall when one of our fulltime officers returns from military deployment. Some of the officers have been working overtime to fill in his shifts. While the extra money is nice, I can see that the increased hours are wearing on them. We have been blessed with a very stable workforce with our newest officers having over 3 ½ years on our PD and a total of 5 ½ for the city. We haven't experienced any abnormal crime trends or sprees lately, although we still see way too many people being "scammed" both online and by telephone. It looks like that will never slow down. We are working to modernize our policies and procedures as well trying to bring all our operations in compliance with current best practices. While all that sounds fancy the truth is that much can be accomplished by using common sense, doing what is right and being respectful to others. Feel free to stop by, call or email if you have a concern you would like me to address. If you don't get my weekly email update feel free to send me your email address and we will get you on the list. -

Richey <u>richard.priest@lytletx.org</u>

Special thanks to 81st Judicial District Attorney Rene Pena for his recent community program on Human Trafficking and Criminal Enterprises operating in our area. Human trafficking is a real problem, please report suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency. You may be the only one who can save a life.

Staff Spotlight - Reserve Officers



Cpl. Danny Robison, Sgt. Mark Montgomery, Ofc. Uvaldo Ramirez & Ofc. Joe Torres

We are fortunate to have four well qualified and trained reserve officers serving alongside our full-time staff. They have been here a while too! Cpl. Robison has over 16 years with us and is an Advanced Peace Officer, Sgt. Montgomery has over 15 years of service (he recently received his 15 year award) and is a Master Peace Officer, Ofc. Ramirez has over 11 years of service to the city and is a Master Peace Officer. Torres also has over 11 years of service to the city and just recently earned his Master Peace Officer. That's over 50 years of combined service to the Lytle Police Department!

Contact Information

Physical Address: 15245 Hester St. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 750 Lytle, TX 78052 Office Number 830-709-0277

(Our office is not staffed 24 hours a day so please don't call this number if you need an officer)

24 Hour Dispatch

830-769-3434

Use this number to have an officer dispatched or to report a crime. We are dispatched by the Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Office in Jourdanton, TX. They have direct radio contact with on duty officers.

Visit the City's Homepage to Sign Up for Emergency Alerts!

www.lytletx.org

City Trivia

In the 65 year history of the city only two women have served on the city council. Susan Hetchler & Dolly Weaver. Weaver also served as the Mayor Pro-tem.

Important

If your home or business has an alarm system that is monitored please contact your alarm company and confirm that they have the correct dispatch number

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Did you know?

Each officer has a body worn video camera, we have been using them full-time for the past 18 months. They are great tools and we have seen only positive results.

Filing a Complaint on a Staff Member

We are a professional organization, and we expect our sworn officers, civilian employees, and volunteers to act in a professional manner. We expect our officers to treat everyone with fairness and respect. Having the public trust is vital in our ability to function in an effective manner.

It is important to understand that police officers often operate in a stressful environment and must make quick decisions based on limited information.

In the event that you feel a member of our department has violated a policy, law, or acted in an unprofessional manner, please contact the Chief of Police or a supervisor about your concern. – Chief Richey Priest

Visit our website for details on the process www.lytletx.org/police