

Lytle Police Dept.



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Property Crimes – Numbers for the First 5 Months of 2017 (January - May)

Motor Vehicle Burglary	16	7 @ Businesses / 9 @ Residences
Burglary of a Habitation	1	CR 6842
Burglary of a Building	1	Lytle Mini Storage (Numerous units at various locations had locks cut and possibly had items taken but confirmation didn't occur)
Misdemeanor Thefts (<\$2,500)	33	28 @ Businesses / 5 @ Residences
Felony Thefts (>\$2,500)	1	Firearms from vehicle @ HEB
Motor Vehicle Thefts	1	Diaz St. (Recovered in Bexar Co. - No Damage)

BEWARE

DO NOT TEMPT
THIEVES
DO NOT LEAVE
VALUABLES
IN VIEW
LOCK YOUR CAR

*These are reported crimes – Many incidents are never reported, other times complainants won't provide the info. for a report.

We Have a New Software for Records Management

A grant opportunity became available for replacing and updating our records management system and Lt. Matthew Dear volunteered to work on it. The end result was that we were awarded a little over \$31,000 to purchase the software. There was no match involved, it covered 100% of the initial cost. It was through the Governor's Office and the purpose is to improve the collection and reporting of crime data. Our current software was purchased in 2004 & really hasn't changed. This system is web based so there is no need for special computers with installed software, the data will be stored in the "cloud" and officers can access the system with any computer with internet access. The system will enhance not only our report writing & data collection but also includes an evidence tracking module. The vendor is EFORCE out of Logan, UT. The system is up and running & it's a big improvement.

Part of Our History Chief Lee Thormann

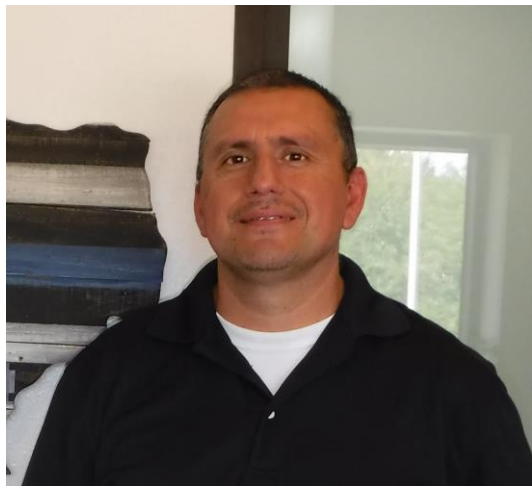
Lee Thormann was hired as the Chief of Police for the City of Lytle in 1973, he served in that capacity until his retirement in 1991. The City and the police dept. have changed a lot since 1991. Sadly he passed away in 2005. I knew Lee and it would have been nice to be able to show him around the new police station. He was the chief when I graduated from LHS and while he stopped me a couple times I never got a ticket from him. We hope to create a shadow box of his badge and photos and put it on display in our lobby. - Richey



A Rare Photo of Chief Thormann & His Car

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*We said goodbye to Officer
Uvaldo Ramirez*



Ofc. Uvaldo Ramirez resigned his position as a Reserve Police Officer. He started with us as a full-time officer in 1999. He left and went to Devine PD for about a 3 ½ years. He rejoined us as a Reserve in 2008. **He served with us for a total of almost 13 years.** He is “retiring” from law enforcement. In his “day job” he teaches school at a school district in San Antonio. We will miss Uvaldo and the good times we had through the years.

How Many Cops does Lytle Have?

We have **8 full-time (FT) officers** (that includes the Chief, & we are currently fully staffed). We also have **3** reserve officers and **1** full-time administrative asst. When our current chief was hired in **1999** the dept. had an authorized strength of **6 (FT) officers**. Our department hasn’t really grown that much considering how much our town has changed. Our 5 year plan include adding an additional full-time officer position within the next year or so if the budget allows for it.

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

830-769-3434

Please Remember!

**The Discharge of Fireworks is Prohibited in the
Lytle City Limits**

Message from the Chief

It sure is hard to believe that in early August of 1999 I became the Acting Chief of Police, a few weeks later I would become the Interim Chief & by October it would be just “Chief”. Here I was a 29 year old fellow running the police dept. I have had a great time these last 18 years. As a department we continue to improve and add capabilities, but we aren’t perfect. I have to really focus and get some big projects completed in the coming months. I am also looking forward to working with our newest council members Jamie Dahler and Ruben Gonzalez. I also want to thank Ward Sanders and Kevin Keith for all their years of dedication as alderman. They both were key players in many of the awesome things that have been accomplished. *–Richey Priest, Chief*

**Thanks Lt. Dear for your hard work on
getting our software grant, Great Job!**

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

24 Hour Dispatch

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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.

July marks Captain Frank Reyes' 19th year as a full-time Lytle Police Officer