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Message From the Chief

In October I was fortunate enough to attend the International Assoc. of Chiefs of Police annual conference in Philadelphia. I combined it with a family vacation road trip and was gone for about two weeks. The conference was a real experience, with over 11,400 attendees which included almost 1000 attendees from 80 other countries. There was over 4,000 exhibitors that tended to the over 600 vendor booths. The expo hall was massive with three full size helicopters on display as well as several dozen vehicles. It was a massive event, to say the least. Over the course of three days I attended numerous education workshops, explored the expo hall and was present during two general sessions. Some of the speakers included U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, FBI Director Christopher Wray and Cressida Dick who is the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in London. I also attended the Texas Police Chief's Assoc. breakfast. I made lots of new contacts and received some cutting edge training. I stayed about 20 miles from downtown Philadelphia in Warminster PA, I rode the SEPTA train back and forth each day. That in itself was an adventure as I am not experienced with mass transit. It was a new experience as we even had protesters that were holding signs that read "abolish the police", it was interesting listening to them express their 1st amendment rights. On the personal side we visited lots of neat places along the way.

- National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis (TN)
- Corvette Museum in Bowling Green (KY)
- The Arc Encounter (full size Noah's Ark!) and the Creation Museum (Northern KY)
- A cool toy Museum in Wheeling (WV)
- Gettysburg National Military Park (PA)
- Liberty Bell and Independence Hall in Philadelphia.
- Fort McHenry in Baltimore (MD)
- Smithsonian Museum of American History (DC)
- Picked up a cupcake at DC Cupcake in Georgetown
- Fredericksburg National Military Park (VA)
- Visited with my wife's brother in Aberdeen (NC)
- Visited the old Camden town site in Camden (SC)
- Took a bathroom break in Vicksburg (MS) and soaked up some more Civil War history.

We also ate at a lot of neat places and saw some beautiful scenery. Yankee country wasn't that bad.

I expect 2018 to be another good year for the City of Lytle and the Police Department. While there is more than enough for us to keep busy we still enjoy a relatively peaceful community full of people who care. I am always available for any comments or suggestions you may have so feel free to contact me.

- Richey Priest – Chief of Police

PLEASE REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY!

We are all in this together



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.

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Lt. Matthew Dear was recognized at the Nov. City Council Meeting for completing his 15th Year of Service to the City of Lytle.



Wall in Lobby Dedicated to Former Atascosa Co. Lawmen

For several years Troy Whitney has been working on a project to honor all of the Atascosa Co. Sheriffs and Deputies that served the Lytle area. Troy has firsthand knowledge, his father H.W. Whitney was the "Lytle" Deputy from 1950-1959 and then again from 1965-1970. On Saturday Oct. 14 his project became reality as a wall was dedicated in the lobby of the Lytle Police Station to honor these men. Photographs of Atascosa Co. Sheriffs who served as well as the "Lytle" deputies are now on display. The event was well attended and included former "Lytle" Deputy George Harris who went on to become a very successful local business person. We heard some stories from the good old days!



Photos of the honored lawmen and a photo from the dedication ceremony

Speed Humps Anyone?

The police department will be conducting a survey and researching options in regard to possibly placing speed "humps" on a couple of our city streets. The increased traffic flow and steady complaints have made this an option the Lytle City Council might take a closer look at. North Prairie Street, Magnolia St. and Juarez St. are three that we will be evaluating and talking with residents. These are all residential streets, with N. Prairie and Magnolia being used by many motorists to "cut" through town and avoid the main roads. We welcome your comments and or concerns. Call us at 830-709-0277 or email us at lytlepolice@lytle.tx.org

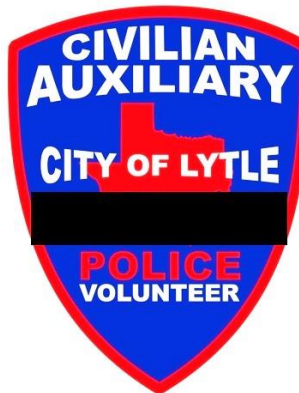
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**Ofc. David Lopez Receives
Intermediate Peace Officer
License**

Lytle Police Citizens' Patrol Mourns Loss of Active Member, Kroeger Patrolled Weekly

This Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of **Ernie Kroeger**. Ernie was a retired SAPD Detective, retired member of the Lytle VFD and an active member of the Lytle VFW. Ernie was also a charter member of the Lytle PD Civilian Auxiliary. He along with his partner Chuck Bayne pulled a shift almost every week together for the past 9 years. Sadly Ernie passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 25 while volunteering at the Animal Control Facility.



Join us in congratulating Ofc. David Lopez for attaining his Intermediate Peace Officer License from the Texas Comm. on Law Enf. In addition to meeting the required number of training hours and years of service he had to complete 16 specific classes that ranged from a couple hours to 32 hours each.
Good Job David!