

# Lytle Police Dept.

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# 2019 National Night Out - "A Huge Turnout"



We had a packed house at our NNO event. It was our largest and best attended yet. We served over 550 hot dogs! We also had about 12 tables set up by various organizations. Mark your calendars for Oct. 6, 2020 and don't miss out on the party.

## We Depend on Our Citizens to Help Us Out! Here is What YOU Can Do

- If you see something that seems like it might need checking out, then call us. No matter what time of day it is. (Night shift officers sometimes need help staying awake)
- Look out for your neighbors. (If a thief steals their lawnmower they may want to borrow yours)
- Secure your valuables, both in your car & around your house. Crooks are always looking for an easy target. (Most crooks are lazy, that is why they steal stuff instead of getting a job)

## City to Update Website

The City Council has authorized a much needed update to our city's website. The LPD is helping with this project. Hopefully by late spring you will see a new and fresh looks at www.lytletx.org

#### City Trivia

Did you know that the first City Marshal was H.W. Whitney? He served from 1952-1962. The Police Dept. has changed a lot since then.

## Officer Sergio Pena Completes Police Cyclist Course

Officer Sergio Pena completed the International Police Mountain Bike Assoc. course on Nov. 21. The 40 hours class was hosted by St. Mary's Univ. PD and taught by San Antonio PD instructors. The course is physically demanding and intense. Congrats to Ofc. Pena, he will now be serving as a member of our bike patrol team.



We are dispatched by the Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Office in Jourdanton. Should you need a police officer please call (830) 769-3434 (Option #1) to speak with a dispatcher. Our office number is only answered when the office is occupied.

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Visit our website,
www.lytletx.org, and sign
up for emergency alerts.
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#### POLICE REPORTS

Police Reports are \$6.
They must be paid for at City Hall. It is always best to call our office and make sure the report is ready before you make the trip.



## Officer D. Lopez Instructs an ASP Expandable Baton Class for 4 LPD Officers

On December 10, 4 offices got a 6 AM start on an expandable baton class. Chief Priest, Sgt. Hanson and Cpl. Robison re-certified, while Ofc. Pena received his certification. It was really a workout, it was also a very cold morning.



Police Chief Attends Annual IACP Conf. in Chicago, there were over 18,000 attendees!

## Chief Priest and Lt. Dear attend Annual Fire Marshal Conf. in Pasadena TX (Nov. 2019)

Both Chief Priest and Lt. Dear serve in the capacity as Fire Marshals for the city. They are both licensed by the Texas Comm. on Fire Protection so they are required to complete annual inservice training to maintain their certification. This is in addition to their Peace Officer requirements.



## **Upcoming Events**

Our April 2020 Newsletter will include a full report on crimes reported during 2019....be sure and check it out!

From the Chief...... I would say that 2019 was a good year and I believe 2020 will be even better. Our city is really a great place and I believe we will see a lot of growth this year.

In October I reached my 20 year mark as the Chief of Police, I sure didn't think that would ever happen. In late October I was able to attend the International Assoc. of Police Chiefs Conf. in Chicago. I was glad that in one session I ran into the Chief of Police from Laredo, it's nice when someone pronounces Lytle correctly, instead of "Little". I included the conference in a two week family road trip vacation that took us through about 21 states. We saw a lot of beautiful places including Hot Springs AR, Niagara Falls NY, Bennington VT, Jamestown VA and Charleston SC to name a few. But I sure was glad to get back to Lytle Texas.

I want to stress that we are here to serve the community, we do this with a staff that really cares about what is going on. We will never be perfect, but we hope to always improve and be a part of this community that you can be proud of. -Richey