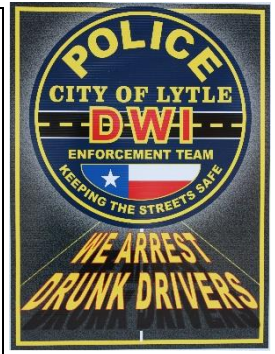


Lytle Police Dept.

Quarterly Newsletter – Vol. 10, Issue 4, Oct. 1, 2022

lytlepolice@lytle.tx.org / www.lytle.tx.org/police

Richard “Richey” Priest - Chief of Police & Fire Marshal



Contact Us:

15245 Hester St. (Physical) / P.O. Box 750 (Mailing), Lytle, TX 78052

Office (830) 709-0277

24 Hour Dispatch (830) 769-3434 Option #1

If you need a Police Officer it is always best to call the 24 Hour Dispatch #, you will reach the Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Dispatch. They have direct radio contact with our on-duty officers.

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts (Yes you are going to keep seeing this!)

Have you signed up for our new mass notification system? Our CivicReady / AlertSense system is now up and running:

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE YOU ARE SIGNED UP, PLEASE VISIT THE LINK!

(WE DON'T SEND OUT A LOT OF INFO, SO FEEL FREE TO CHECK ALL THE BOXES TO MAKE SURE YOU GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED)

Even if you are receiving emails and you have already provided us information please go to our website and sign up for our new alert system. This is the only way we can be sure you are in the system.

Visit the following link <https://public.alertsense.com/signup/?regionID=1618> and click on the green “Sign Up” box. Please read the introduction prior to signing up and you will also have the option to modify or cancel your notifications preferences.

You can download an app as well, both on Google Play and the Apple App Store: **My Alerts, AlertSense, Inc.**

The city tests the Tornado Warning Sirens on the First Wednesday of Every Month @ Noon

Upcoming Test Are Schedule for

Oct. 5, 2022

Nov. 2, 2022

Dec. 7, 2022

Congratulations
Capt. Frank
Reyes

In July he completed 24 years of full-time service to our city!

Staff Update

On August 2, 2022, Luis Diaz was awarded his Intermediate Peace Officer License from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. The award required a combination of years of experience & training, which included 17 specific classes. Good job Luis, his sights are now set on achieving his Advanced Peace Officer License which will be a few years and training hours in the future.



Message from the Chief: October already and it still feels like July! I guess it will cool down one day. I hope you enjoy this quarterly newsletter; it includes an update on new body worn video, new police vehicles, and police training. We have seen an increase in people signing up for our emergency alerts, unfortunately this happens when we have a severe weather event or disruption in city services, such as water. If you haven't signed up, please do so now. We haven't had any crime spikes, but please do your part and report suspicious activity. Officers have been busy with traffic enforcement, there is a lot of vehicular traffic in our community and with that comes traffic violations. We have also seen an uptick in DWI arrests. We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Hayride on Dec. 10. Make plans to join us for the popular city sponsored event. The last several months we have seen a lot of change at City Hall. Our longtime City Secretary, Josie Campa, retired as did Tom Cate, our City Attorney for many years. I normally work so hard I seldom have time to go to city hall, but it looks like our City Administrator, Matthew Dear, has everything under control down there. You can always watch our city council meetings on YouTube, watching them live is cool but it's nice to be able to go back and check them out later too.
- Richey

New Body Worn Cameras



The City Council approved a 5-year contract with LensLock to provide body worn cameras for our officers. This solution will store the video “on the cloud” which will be a great service as local storage fills up fast. Technology has really changed since we first started using body worn video many years ago (We started a partial deployment in 2009!). Imagine how much your cell phone has changed?

Two New Police Vehicles Hit the Road (Finally!)



Way back in Oct. of 2021 we ordered two new Chevy Tahoe police vehicles. Well, here we are a year later, and they are finally hitting the road. First it was chips for the vehicles, then it was radios, about everything was on some sort of back-order. They are both 2022 models and will be replacing vehicles that have more than “done their time” on our streets.

Did You Know?

While many agencies are constantly hiring for peace officers that we have only advertised twice in over 5 years. Our officers enjoy working in a community that supports its first responders and working for a city that takes care of their employees. Those are key reasons that we have a low turn-over rate, in turn we can provide better trained officers who know our community. So, we aren't wasting money on a revolving door of training new officers only to watch them leave after a few months.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2022

Oct. 9-15

The focus this year is on
having an escape plan

For More Info Visit

<https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About>

Fire won't wait.
Plan your escape
at [fpw.org](https://www.nfpa.org).



What does the Lytle P.D. have planned for the coming year?

One of our goals for next year includes emergency medical training for our officers. We anticipate having 4-5 officers trained as Emergency Medical Responders (EMR certification). This will enhance our ability to serve our community as well as provide lifesaving care until our EMS or FD arrives. Often our officers are the first on the scene and we saw the need to increase our level of training. We must be prepared to respond and take action when needed.

Four Officers Attend 60 Hour Tactical Training Course

Four of your officers traveled to Leon County (TX) for a 60 hour, 5-day tactical class. The course was very physically and mentally demanding. It was held Sept. 19-23, 2022. Considering the tragedy in Uvalde it is more important now than ever that officers be given the training and tools they need to do the job and be held accountable. The course was put on by <https://cmeswat.com> This is just one of many classes that officers attend to ensure that well trained and prepared officers' serve our community.



Officers (L to R) John Cortez, Sergio Pena, Anthony Lopez, and Luis Diaz