

Lytle Police Dept.

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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.

Looking Back at 2022; Crime Stats and Other Data

In 2022 Your Police Officers:

- Unlocked 136 Vehicles
- Answered 217 Alarms
- Provided 34 Funeral Escorts
- Took Reports of 154 Traffic Accidents
(96 Public Roadway & 58 Private Property)
- Handled 2,949 Service Calls

Message from the Chief..... Time again for our quarterly newsletter. I have included some numbers from 2022. We also report all this information monthly and those reports can be found on our website, even going back to 1999 when I did a one-page report on a typewriter! I must admit, I miss those simpler times. From our Staff and Training Update on page two you can see we have been busy. Fortunately, I believe we have now caught up on training that was cancelled or limited during the pandemic. I feel it is very important to have well trained officers and feel that it is a solid investment in our goal to provide professional services to our community. So much goes on around our town that I can never really seem to capture it all when we put out these newsletters. Overall, our city is doing very well and moving in a positive direction. It seems like there are new people moving into town every day. If you are new to town or have been around here a long time....my door is always open. I encourage you to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. We need input and feedback from the community for this system to work. - Richey

Crime Reported in 2022:

- **Burglary of Motor Vehicles - 21**
 - 13 From Commercial/Business Locations
 - 8 From Residences
- **Total Thefts - 70**
 - 26 Were Shoplifting
 - 24 Other
 - 3 Bicycles
 - 17 From a Lawn or Yard
- **Stolen Motor Vehicles - 8**
 - 7 From Commercial/Business Locations
 - 1 From a Residence
- **Burglary of A Building -11**
 - 5 Mini Storage
 - 6 Other
- **Burglary of A Habitation - 4**

Have you signed up for our new mass notification system?

Our CivicReady / AlertSense system is now up and running:

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>

UPDATE ON STAFF AND RECENT TRAINING



Ofc. John Cortez



Ofc. John Cortez Earns His Intermediate Peace Officer Certificate

On April 16, 2023, Ofc. John Cortez met the requirement to receive his Intermediate Peace Officer Certificate. He was able to achieve this goal by completing 17 required course and he did it with only 2 years' experience as a Peace Officer. Credit for having a 4-year degree enabled him to receive it in such a short amount of time. The certificate is issued by our licensing authority the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.



Sgt. David Lopez

Sgt. David Lopez Completes 120 Hour Developing Leaders for Texas Law Enforcement Course

On Friday, May 19, 2023, Sgt. Lopez received his certificate for completing the 120-hour course. The course is taught in 3 one-week modules designed to focus on leadership and adapted from the "West Point" model specifically for Police. The course was provided by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation and was held in Boerne. Good job Sgt. Lopez! Thanks for your commitment to our community and our profession.

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

**Upcoming Test Are Schedule for
July 5, 2023
Aug 2, 2023
September 6, 2023**



Ofc. Roger Garcia

Ofc. Roger Garcia Joins Our Team

On April 20, 2023, Ofc. Roger Garcia was sworn in as our newest full-time officer. It was really a homecoming. He started his law enforcement career as a part-time officer with us back in July of 2013. After serving over a year, he joined the Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Office and later served as the Atascosa Co. Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator. He currently serves as the Chief of the Lytle Vol. Fire Dept. and is a welcomed addition to our staff. He is certified as an Arson Investigator and a Fire Inspector, so he will be helping with our Fire Marshal duties as well as routine police work. Welcome back Roger!

Officers Attend 24-hour Baton Instructor Class

On May 3-5, 2023, Ofc. Sergio Pena and Ofc. Anthony Lopez attended an ASP Baton Instructor Certification Course. The course was physically demanding and held at the S.A.C. Law Enf. Academy (just up IH 35 a few miles). They will now conduct certification and re-certs for our staff.

Ofc. John Cortez Completes Breath Test Operator Certification

On May 25, 2023, Ofc. John Cortez completed the 24-Hour Breath Test Operator Course. He is now qualified to administer a breath test using an "Intoxilyzer". He joins Sgt. Hanson and Ofc. S. Pena as our other operators. Thank you, John, for your commitment to keeping our roads safe and arresting drunk drivers.



Ofc. Anthony Lopez

Ofc. Anthony Lopez Completes Hostage Negotiation Course

On April 14, 2023, Ofc. A. Lopez completed a 40-Hour Basic Hostage Negotiation Course. The course was hosted by the Bexar Co. Sheriff's Office in San Antonio. The class was very demanding and intense. Anthony is a "talker", so this class was perfect for him.

Texas Police Chief's Conference in Ft. Worth

On April 4, Chief R. Priest and Sgt. D. Lopez travelled to Ft. Worth for the annual TX Police Chiefs Assoc. Conf. High quality training, networking, and a vendor expo were highlights of the week.