

LYTLE POLICE DEPT.

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Richard "Richey" Priest - Chief of Police & Fire Marshal



The city tests the Tornado Warning

Sirens on the First Wednesday of

Every Month @ Noon

Upcoming Test Are Schedule for

April 3, 2024

May 1, 2024

June 5, 2024

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.

Message from the Chief of Police –

Lytle continues to thrive ... businesses look busy, and the roads are packed. Overall, our reports of crimes have been low. We did see a spike in vehicle burglaries and attempted vehicle burglaries over a period of several days. It appears that those were all related to the same crook. The problem with a low crime rate is that everyone becomes complacent and are more likely to leave valuables in their vehicles and leave homes and outbuildings unsecured. I know that I am guilty of that as well.

A lot more homes have security cameras that has been helpful to us by providing time frames and general descriptions of the suspect. If you have a home camera system, I suggest you spend some time getting familiar with it. Often there is camera footage, but nobody knows how to access it.

We now have new residents residing in Rosewood Estates (behind Lytle State Bank). In a few short years it is very likely that most of our population will live on the "other side" of IH-35. Before Saddle Ridge and Rosewood, I think we had less than 25 residents on that side of 35. The truck stop on IH-35 @ FM 3175 with the much anticipated IHOP is still under construction. If you drive by you can see it moving rather slowly, but it is still on track. We will be reaching for that blueberry syrup before you know it.

We are still currently fully staffed, and we should have two new Chevy Tahoe police vehicles joining our fleet very soon. Those are the same ones we ordered about one and one-half years ago.

We constantly evaluate our operations and have made numerous changes in our patrol procedures to enhance our services. I welcome your input and I am always ready to discuss our operations and plans as our city continues to grow.

– Richey

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Special Events – Call Us!

We always look forward to mingling with the community. Please let us know if you have a special event and would like us to attend. Schools, Church events, clubs, etc. We will even bring some free stuff!

Have you signed up for our 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>

**POLICE OFFICERS ARE ON
DUTY 24 HOURS A DAY –
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO
CALL AND HAVE AN OFFICER
DISPATCHED AT ANY TIME!**

UPDATE ON L.P.D. RECENT TRAINING & OTHER NEWS

MDT Leadership Summit – Pleasanton, TX

On Friday, January 26, 2024, Sgt. David Lopez attended a one-day seminar in Pleasanton, TX. The training was hosted by the 81st Judicial District Attorney's Office. Partners in the training included AACOG, The Children's Alliance of South Texas, and the Children's Hospital of San Antonio. The summit had a wonderful selection of speakers. It provided attendees with information and resources needed to conduct complete and thorough child abuse investigations.

D.W.I. Training Pleasanton, TX

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, Capt. Matthew Dear and Sgt. David Lopez attended a one-day D.W.I. training class in Pleasanton. It was hosted by the 81st Judicial District Attorney's Office and presented by the Texas District and County Attorney's Association through support from the TXDOT. This class included both police officers and prosecutors and focused on D.W.I. related crashes.



Atascosa County Sheriff's School Safety Meeting Feb. 1, 2024 – Jourdan, TX



SB 2273, which was adopted into law on September 21, 2023 (Section 37.0833 Texas Education Code) requires semi-annual countywide school safety meetings. This law applies only to counties with a population of less than 300,000, so for a "three counties" city like us that would be Atascosa and Medina Co. Sheriff David Soward hosted the first meeting on February 1, 2024, at the Sheriff's Office in Jourdan. The law states who **shall** attend and the topics of discussion. Lytle P.D. was represented by Chief Richey Priest, Sgt. David Lopez, and Cpl. Danny Robison. Lytle I.S.D. was also well represented. It was a great opportunity for exchanging information and identifying resources.

Field Sobriety Refresher Course

On February 1, 2024, Capt. Matt Dear and Ofc. Roger Garcia attended an 8-hour standardized field sobriety refresher course used to help in D.W.I. arrests. The course was hosted by the Texas Municipal Police Assoc. and the Hondo Police Dept.

View Our Monthly Reports! If you want to see a detailed report of our monthly activity visit our website and browse activity for the past 288 months or so.

<https://www.lytle.tx.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=52>



Lytle Municipal Court

Do you have questions about a traffic ticket? Contact our Municipal Court

830-709-3692 Option # 3

Lytle City Hall 14916 Main St.

Information on Court Issues is Not Available at the Police Station



Important Reminders

- **If you need an officer, please call 830-769-3434, option #1. This is our "non-emergency" number and is answered 24/7 by the Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Office.**
- **If you have an emergency, please Call 911**
- **Our office phone number 830-709-0277 is an administrative line and often there is no one in the office to answer. You can leave a message on subjects that don't require an immediate response.**
- **We have officers on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our police station is generally unmanned due to the officers patrolling and answering calls.**