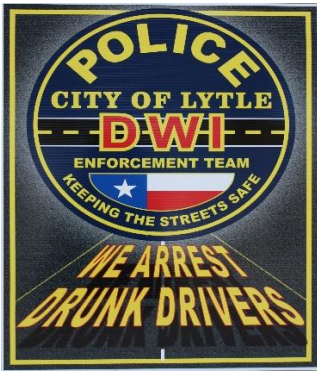




LYTLE POLICE

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

Message from the Chief of Police – By the time you are reading this we will be fully staffed. Our authorized strength is for 12 Peace Officers, which includes me. Our city is growing and fortunately our city leadership, along with partial help from a Federal Grant, have allowed us to add two full-time positions. What does this mean to the average citizen or visitor? You should see more officers on the streets and our response time will decrease. More resources can be redirected to special projects and investigations. Though we don't currently receive complaints about visibility or response times, I know that as people continue to move in to our new subdivisions our staff would have easily been stretched thin. It wouldn't make sense to wait until we were overwhelmed and then try to react, we need to be ahead of the game. For our officers, it means better schedules with a good work/life balance. This helps us retain and attract qualified applicants. It also means sick leave and vacation leave result in minimal disruption to our regular activities. I am very blessed to lead this group of law enforcement professionals. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

– Richey

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If you need a Police Officer, call the 24-hour Dispatch number. You will reach the Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Dispatch, which has direct radio contact with our on-duty officers.



Did You Know?

**In 2024 The
L.P.D. Assisted
the Public by
Unlocking 131
Vehicles.**

**Join us Friday July 4th at John Lott
Park for Our Big Fireworks Show!**

Upcoming City Holidays

Friday April 18 - Good Friday
Friday May 2 - Battle of Flowers Parade
Monday May 26 - Memorial Day
Thursday June 19 - Juneteenth

Two New Officers Set to Join Our Police Force

One officer is a newly created partially grant funded position, and one is an open position created by the retirement of Sgt. G. Hanson. Both officers should be joining our team by April 1st and will be in our Field Training Program for several months.



Teodoro Barrera

Teodoro Barrera comes to us from the Alamo Colleges District Police Dept. He has served 2 ½ years as a Texas Peace Officer, including a stint with the Balch Springs Police Dept.

Paul Tafolla Jr. comes to us from the Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Office where he served as a Patrol Deputy. He has almost 4 years' experience as a Peace Officer. With prior service with the Comal and Bexar Co. Sheriff's Offices.



Paul Tafolla Jr.

Training Update

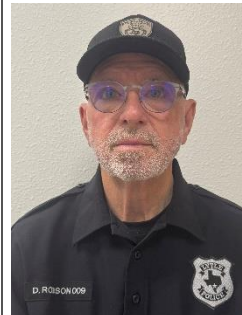
- **Jan. 13** – Sgt. D. Lopez conducted a TASER X2 Certification Class to Ofc. R. Garcia, Ofc. F. Reyes & Ofc. S. Mendez.
- **Jan. 27 & 28** – Ofc. A. Lopez & Ofc. S. Mendez attended Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network Training; a 16-hour course held at the Castle Hills Police Department
- **Jan. 28** – Chief R. Priest, Capt. M. Dear & Sgt. D. Lopez attended an all-day Human Resources class in Hondo, presented by the Texas Municipal League (TML) our insurance provider.
- **Feb. 6** - Chief R. Priest, Capt. M. Dear & Sgt. D. Lopez attended an 8-hour course entitled “Supervisor Report Review”. The class was held in Conroe at the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office Training Academy.
- **Feb. 28** – Unmanned Vehicle Technology (UVT, our Drone Vendor) provided drone operation training to Capt. M. Dear, Sgt. D. Lopez, Ofc. A. Lopez and Ofc. R. Garcia.

Drone Program Update

The drone has been delivered, and our program should be operational by April 1st. We will have five officers that have completed the 16-hour drone operators’ course, and they will be or have already taken the FFA Part 107 operators’ exam. All remaining staff have completed a 4-hour drone observer course. With that training they are able to assist with deployments.

Staff Spotlight - Corporal Danny Robison

If you ever have called or stop by our police station, there is a good chance you have been greeted by Cpl. Danny Robison. He is our Administrative/Special Projects Corporal. Besides routine police work, he handles a lot of the office “stuff”. He manages vehicle repairs and maintenance, collects data for weekly and monthly reports, takes care of the timecards, and helps keep our budget in order. Danny is also our evidence officer! On May 1, 2025, he will have completed 25 years of service to our city. Nineteen as a Reserve Office and six as a full-time Police Officer.



Cpl. D. Robison

View Our Monthly Reports! If you want to see a detailed report of our monthly activity, visit our website and browse the activity for the past 25 years!

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

E-Learning (Online Training)

Lytle P.D. Officers have completed 263 hours of online training in the first quarter of 2025. That averages out to about 8 hours per officer, per month.

Continuing Education and training (both online and in person) are key components to both retaining quality officers and providing professional service to our community.

Have you signed up for the mass notification system?

Civic Ready / Alert Sense System

Even if you are receiving emails and 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 assure you are in the system. Visit the following link:

<https://public.alertsense.com/signup/?regionID=1618>

Every Call We Respond to Is Listed in Our Weekly Reports!

You can find them at www.lytletx.org/police
Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “Current Weekly Report.” You can also find the past weekly reports dating back to 2009!

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

Upcoming Tests Are Schedule for

Wednesday April 2, 2025

Wednesday May 7, 2025

Wednesday June 4, 2025