

# LYTLE POLICE

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

**Message from the Chief of Police –** We always have something going on at the Lytle P.D., and it comes with the job. Last quarter, we were busy field training our two new officers (Tafolla & Barrera). They also attended numerous mandatory training sessions. It looks like we are over the hump now, and they can focus on completing their field training and getting “cut loose” on their own.

Our population is steadily increasing; take a drive out by Lytle State Bank and you will see all the new homes. They are going up quickly, and new residents are relocating to Lytle. Our “landscape” has changed a great deal on the south side of IH-35. The addition of the new truck stop and two big subdivisions (with more on the way) has really changed our patrol procedures. Our new budget year begins on October 1st, so we are already well underway with the budget process. I don’t anticipate any negative impact on our budget, and for the past 25+ years, I have tried to be a good steward of the taxpayers’ money. The city’s assets don’t belong to the mayor, the city council, the city administrator, or the department heads. Everything belongs to the people; we are merely entrusted (temporarily) with our various roles to help oversee it.

– Richey [richard.priest@lytle.tx.org](mailto:richard.priest@lytle.tx.org)

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**Non Emergency #**

**(830) 769-3434**

**(Option #1)**

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.



Sgt. David Lopez, Alderman Richard Hughes, Public Works Director Pete Billalobos, and Capt. Matthew Dear attended the Good Friday Passion of Christ walk from the Coalmine Subdivision to St. Andrew Catholic Church.

## **Upcoming City Holidays**

**Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day**

**Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> - Labor Day**

## **Ofc. Anthony Lopez Assigned Additional Duties in Criminal Investigations**

Officer Anthony “Ryan” Lopez has been assigned to assist with Criminal Investigations. He will be utilized when needed and will also remain a patrol officer. He has demonstrated that he possesses the skill set to solve cases using a wide range of resources. He is our “go-to” guy for online investigative resources. He is our TXDPS Fusion Center Liaison Officer and has recently completed the required training for that role.



## **We Still Take Too Many Reports of Scammers Targeting Our Citizens!**

### **Here is some Great Information from the *Federal Trade Commission***

Only scammers will tell you to buy a gift card, like a Google Play or Apple Card, and give them the numbers off the back of the card. No matter what they say, that’s a scam. **No real business or government agency will ever tell you to buy a gift card to pay them.** Always keep a copy of your gift card and store receipt. Use them to report gift card scams to the gift card company and ask for your money back.

## Update On Our Staffing & Training



Chief Priest & Sgt. David Lopez Attended The Annual Texas Police Chiefs' Conference in Galveston during April



Cpl. Danny Robison was Recognized for 25 Years of Service at the May 12th City Council Meeting. He served 19 Years as a Reserve Officer and Currently has 6 Years of Full-Time Service

### Congratulations Danny!

### Training Attended This Last Quarter (April, May & June 2025)

- 4/7 Radar/Lidar Instructor Class in Helotes – A. Lopez, L. Diaz
- 4/8 De-Escalation Course - S.A. - T. Barrera & P. Tafolla
- 4/14-4/17 Texas Police Chiefs' Conference – Galveston – R. Priest, D. Lopez
- 4/22-4/23 SFST Update & DWI Training - Hondo – T. Barrera & P. Tafolla
- 5/5/ Crisis Intervention Class in San Antonio – Ofc. T. Barrera
- 5/6–5/8 Mental Health Peace Officer Class in Pearsall – Ofc. T. Barrera & Ofc. P. Tafolla
- 5/14 TXDPS Fusion Center Liaison Officer Training - S.A. – Ofc. A. Lopez
- 6/2-6/6 Crime Scene Investigation - S.A. – Ofc. S. Mendez & T. Barrera
- 6/17-18 ALERRT Active Shooter Training - S.A. Officers F. Reyes, S. Mendez & P. Tafolla (Scheduled, but not yet completed at the time of this printing)



We continually seek ways to enhance our service. We value your input! We exist solely for the benefit of public safety; it is that simple. We welcome comments, concerns, or even ideas on problem areas that need to be addressed.

**Call, Email, or Stop by our Office!**

**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.lytle.tx.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=52>

**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>

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

**Upcoming Tests Are Scheduled for Wednesday, July 2, 2025**

**Wednesday, August 6, 2025**

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

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

You can find them at [www.lytle.tx.org/police](http://www.lytle.tx.org/police). Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Current Weekly Report." You can also find all weekly reports dating back to 2009!