



Lytle Police



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Welcome to the first Lytle Police Newsletter

This is our first official Newsletter of the Lytle Police Department. We hope to provide quarterly newsletters with information to our citizens and updates on our department. Check our website for the most current information.

Interesting Points

You can find the city ordinances online www.municode.com/Library/TX/Lytle

The Sworn staff of our department consist 8 full-time officers and 5 non-paid reserves.

You can find out about police activity in your neighborhood by visiting our website. We post both a weekly report of all police activity along with a more detailed monthly report on our website.

Visit our website to sign up for our Emergency Call list. You can also provide and email and we will email weekly updates and crime alerts.

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Solicitors and Peddlers

A common complaint we receive involves solicitors and peddlers, I call them door to door sales people. Many times they will sneak into town and hit the various residential areas. Sometimes they are selling frozen meat from the bed of their pickup (this should be a clue) or claim to have extra material from some “job” and offer a great price to put in a driveway or paint something. Another common scam involves selling magazine subscriptions to earn “money for college”. The end result is often times a product or work quality that is far less than expected or promised.

I am not talking about Girl Scouts selling cookies; I am referring to those that pass through town and attempt to take advantage of our residents. The City Code of Ordinances requires a permit for those that sale items door to door, and we can only perform a limited investigation into the applicant. The possession of a city issued permit **is not** a recommendation or guarantee of the permit holder.

I would suggest that you only conduct business with known individuals or those companies that you can confirm are reputable. I would never recommend allowing an unknown salesperson into your home. If you believe they could be operating without a permit, please call us. We routinely issue warnings or citations to those we find in violation. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true then it most likely is. – *Chief Richey Priest.* ❖

UPCOMING EVENTS

PAWS OF SUMMER

ANIMAL CARE FUND RAISER

LYTLE COMMUNITY CENTER

5:00 pm Saturday July 20, 2013

LYTLE VFW FREEDOM FESTIVAL

JOHN LOTT PARK

FREEDOM WALK WILL START AT 10:00 AM

FESTIVAL WILL BE FROM 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Saturday September 14, 2013.

LYTLE HOMECOMING PARADE

MAIN STREET

10:00 am Saturday September 21, 2013

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

LYTLE CITY HALL

6:00 PM TUESDAY OCTOBER 1, 2013

Railroad Safety



The recent train derailment has everyone thinking about railroad safety. We have two big safety concerns that we encounter daily.

People walking on the tracks

This is very dangerous and also illegal. To make it worse many times the violators are kids.

(Sec. 28.07 Interference with Railroad Property – Texas Penal Code)

Stop, Stand or Park on Railroad Track

The results can be deadly and it is illegal. (545.302(a)(8), Texas Trans. Code)

Visit www.upcares.com for more info.

Update on New Police Facility

If all goes well, the City Council will award the bid on the construction of the new police facility in July. We have just outgrown our current facility. The facility will be located on Hester Street on the same site as the Public Works Yard. By using property the city already owned, we were able to save a considerable amount of money. The facility will be 3,500 square feet and will be constructed using a pre-fabricated metal building. We wanted a building that was designed in the most economical manner but also would meet the special needs of a law enforcement agency. We believe we have achieved this goal. Some of the important features we include:

- ❖ Secure Lobby Area
- ❖ Public Restroom
- ❖ Evidence Processing Room
- ❖ Armory
- ❖ Interview Room
- ❖ Additional Offices
- ❖ Secure Parking for Police and Employee Vehicles
- ❖ Building designed to meet the technology needs of a police dept.

This new facility will provide our staff with the room they need to continue to provide high quality police services to our community. ❖

Complaints, Comments & Public Relations

Should you have any concern or issue you wish to discuss, feel free to contact the Chief of Police or any member of the command staff. We are always looking for ways to improve service to the community. We cannot do it alone we need your help!

Officers are available to speak at or attend gatherings. Should your group (school, neighborhood, church, etc.) be interested in this, feel free to contact us and we will be glad to attend.