



Lytle Police



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(Our office is not staffed 24 hours a day so please don't call this number if you need an officer)

24 Hour Dispatch

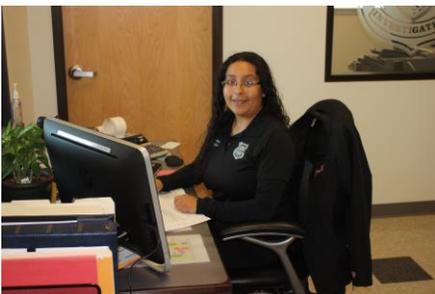
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Use this number to have an officer dispatched or to report a crime. We are dispatched by the Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Office in Jourdanon, TX. They have direct radio contact with on duty officers.

Meet our Administrative Assistant

Paola Rios is the first and

only administrative assistant in the history of the Lytle PD. She filled the newly created position in February of 2012. Prior to that she served as the municipal court clerk. It would be hard to imagine our operation without her today. There are so many areas she is responsible for we couldn't list them all here. A native of Corona California she and her husband Edgar have resided in the Lytle area for the past 7 years. They have two children ages 13 and 3.



Emergency Alert Sign Up!

Visit our website www.lytletx.org to sign up for emergency alerts.

You will find this icon on the homepage, click on it to sign up.

Your phone number will be added to our emergency call list.



We will also add your email to our list, where you will receive regular updates on our activities.

Don't wait sign up today!

City Trivia

Lytle's longest serving Chief of Police was **Lee Thormann**. He served from 1973 until 1991 (18 Years!).



We still have his badge

Lytle Police now subscribe to *PoliceOne.com* online Police Academy

Our staff now has access to dozens of online classes and training videos. Each 28 day work schedule we assign officers a block of training to complete. There are a wide variety of training topics available. After completing the course and passing a quiz, credit for the course is submitted to the Texas Comm. on Law Enforcement and counts toward their mandated training. It is just another tool to ensure that our staff is well trained and ready to meet the needs of our community. It is cool!

Message from Chief Richey Priest

It seems to have been a long dreary winter, I'm looking forward to some sunshine even though I know I'll be complaining about the heat soon enough. I try to keep the newsletters interesting, perhaps you have an idea of a topic? I would love to get some feedback.

Our upcoming plans include building some relationships with the new businesses coming to town such as Bealls and working on our next five year plan. There is still a lot of activity around town and we are working to stay ready and prepared to meet any new challenges and we are having fun along the way. –

Richey Follow me on twitter @lytlepdchief

Can we see your numbers!

Did you know that our code of ordinances requires that your house numbers be posted and be visible from the roadway? Not being able to see your address makes it really hard for first responders who are trying to locate your residence. While many of us may know where you live keep in mind that many times emergency responders may be coming from other jurisdictions. We recommend 4" tall numbers with a ½" stroke. While our ordinance only covers inside the city limits we strongly suggest that regardless of where you live you post a visible address, it is even more important in the rural areas.

Important Dispatch Numbers for our partner agencies

Atascosa Co. Sheriff 830-769-3434

Bexar Co. Sheriff 210-335-6000

Medina Co. Sheriff 830-665-8000

Equipment Spotlight **It's a LASER Gun!**

We have used LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging), also commonly called LASER, for many years as a speed enforcement tool. It uses a form of pulsed laser to measure ranges. Unlike RADAR which shoots a wide beam, LIDAR pin points the exact target and provides not only the speed but also the distance. LIDAR is not vehicle mounted, the units available are all handheld. Just another tool we use to help keep the streets safe.



Email us
lytlepd@sbcglobal.net

Complaints or Questions on the Actions of an Officer?

I am very happy to say that we seldom receive complaints on the actions of our officers. I am not naive though and realize that many people, me included at times, prefer to complain to others and not take action to address the specific problem. I am always open to and seeking feedback from the community. If you have a problem, or what you think may be a problem, don't hesitate to stop by and make your concerns known. The vast majority of times we can explain the actions of officers based on the overall situation. Our staff is entirely composed of humans and we are capable of making mistakes too. So please don't hesitate to contact us, we need your input. We are here to serve.
- Richey Priest
Chief of Police

Staff Spotlight



Congratulations to Ofc. B. Lopez for completing 5 Years of Service



Congratulations to Ofc. JW Petrash for completing 5 Years of Service

Congratulations are also in order for Sgt. Mark Montgomery who was awarded his Registered Nurse License. He can now add RN to his Licensed Paramedic and Master Peace Officer titles!

Organizational Changes at LPD

Effective in March we have moved a couple staff members into different primary assignments. Captain Frank Reyes who was serving as the primary Detective / Investigator will now be assigned as the Patrol Commander, which is a newly created assignment. Cpl. Daniel Gamez, who had been a patrol supervisor, will now be assigned as the primary Detective / Investigator. We wish these officers the best of luck in their new assignments. But just like in the past, we all do whatever is needed to meet our goals. This just allows a little specialty and more cross training. We all wear many hats!