



# Lytle Police

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Richey Priest, Chief of Police



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## Who Commits These Thefts and Breaks Into Houses?

Here I go again with my view on crime and criminals – The world is full of wonderful people, but there are some that make bad choices. Some of these “bad choice people” commit thefts and burglaries. From our experiences this occurs most often to acquire money for illegal drugs. Many of these “bad choice people” have addictions they are struggling with and that is what drives much of our crime. Did I do some sort of research paper on this topic? No, this is just what my staff and I see firsthand on the street. Not data from NYC or LA but from working cases in our community for many years. Your stolen lawnmower becomes a “baggie of Meth”, your cell phone maybe a down payment on some heroin. You get the point. - Chief Richey Priest

We are available 24/7, don't hesitate to call and report suspicious activity. We still make house calls.

### Civilian Auxiliary Gets a New Ride!

-Drivers Wanted-

This year's budget included the purchase of two new police vehicles, a 2017 Ford SUV and a 2017 Ford F-150 P/U. This allowed us to remark and transfer our 2009 Chevy Impala to the Citizens' Patrol. Their old unit, a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria has been retired. We hope to build up our citizens' patrol so stop by the office if you are interested in being part of our team!

### Animal Cruelty?

In partnership with our friends at Animal Control it is a good time to remind everyone that they must not only provide their dog with food & water but also protection from the elements during extreme heat or cold. Its' the law and a violation is a Class A misdemeanor (one level higher than a DWI!)



## Staff Update

**Officer Benny Lopez** resigned and accepted a position with the Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Office. Benny had been with us for almost 7 years and had served as a reserve officer, part-time officer and in his final position he was full-time. We will miss Benny and wish him well in his new position. He did a great job with us and I am sure he will do the same for Sheriff Soward's team.

**Sgt. Gordon Hanson** has been assigned to Criminal Investigations. In his new assignment he will be responsible for follow-up investigations, evidence and general case management. He is a Master Peace Officer, attained at Bachelor degree and has served LPD for over 12 years.

**Captain Frank Reyes** will move from criminal investigation into the patrol supervisor's role. His years of knowledge in criminal investigation will still be available to us as needed.



**Sgt. Hanson and his new office**

Visit the City's Homepage to Sign Up  
for Emergency Alerts!

[www.lytletx.org](http://www.lytletx.org)

## \*Important\*

If your home or business has an alarm system that is monitored please contact your alarm company and confirm that they have the correct dispatch number

**830-769-3434**

### Contact Information

Physical Address: 15245 Hester St.

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Office Number 830-709-0277

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

### 24 Hour Dispatch

**830-769-3434**

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.

## Message from the Chief

Here we are starting a new year again, wow it hardly seems possible. The city has been constantly moving forward with new business and people moving in all the time. There are lots of places to spend your money and an abundance of dining options.

We hope to fill our vacant police officer position early in the new year and Ofc. Jose Guzman should be reporting back from his military service soon. If those pieces fall in place we will be fully staffed, which will be awfully nice.

We will be continuing to reach for our goals in our five year plan (you can find it on our website). We have a lot of training planned for the new year too.

Please remain aware of your surroundings, secure your belongings and don't hesitate to report suspicious activity.

– Richey

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