



# Lytle Police



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**Richey Priest, Chief of Police**

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### *Thoughts from Chief Richey Priest*

- I'm blessed to report that we are finally operating at full-staff again.
- I never get bored, every day I find myself dealing with a new challenge or at the very least a challenging person.
- I have a great staff, they respond to some tough situations and make quick decisions based on limited information.
- I become frustrated as I see honest people being victimized by both scam artist and petty thieves. It is never ending, day after day.
- I appreciate the support we receive from the community and I enjoy meeting with people and addressing their concerns.

Feel free to contact me with any issues you may have; you can call the office, email me, flag me down when I'm on patrol, etc. *(I would say you can stop by the house but that kind of freaks out the wife and kids).* I love to talk and sometimes I even listen.

– Richey

## **We Recently Added Two New Vehicles To Our Fleet!**

The 2016/2017 city budget provided for the purchase and outfitting of two new police vehicles. The 2017 Ford SUV Police Interceptor went into service in early February and the F150 should be fully equipped and in service by mid to late March. So what does it cost to fully outfit a police vehicle? The base vehicle cost on these was about \$26,500 each. To fully equip them with new equipment (lights, camera, computer, video, radar, cage, decals, etc.) you are looking at another \$25K - \$30K each. Luckily we were able to transfer some equipment from our older units so we came out a little better this time around.



## Staff Spotlight



### **Officer Luis Diaz**

On March 13 the Lytle City Council approved the recommendation from Chief Priest to transfer Luis Diaz from a Reserve Officer Position to a vacant Full-Time Position. Luis has been serving as a Reserve since early January. He is a 2013 Lytle HS graduate (Go Pirates!) and graduated from the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Academy in Nov. of 2016. He was born in Milwaukee WI and has resided in Lytle for the past 10 years. Welcome to the team Luis!

**We have officers on duty 24 hours a day – Don't hesitate to call us if you need our services!**

### Vehicle Burglary

**One of the most common property crime reports we take is for vehicle burglaries. Often times the vehicles are unlocked or have valuable items visible. Please hide your valuables and lock your vehicles. These crimes occur both in our business zones as well as residential areas.**

## **\*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**

**SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS ON OUR WEBSITE [www.lytle.tx.org](http://www.lytle.tx.org)**

### **FIREWORKS Discharge Prohibited in the Lytle City Limits**

We will be stepping up our enforcement activities after receiving numerous complaints about fireworks on New Year's Eve. Help us have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Please don't use fireworks in the city, you could receive a citation and that's no fun.

### **Looking for Pictures**

Does anybody out there have a photo of **Lee Thormann**? He served as the Chief of Police from 1973 until 1991. We want to display a photo of him in our police station.

### **Contact Information**

**Physical Address: 15245 Hester St.  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 750  
Lytle, TX 78052**

**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 Jourdanton, TX. They have direct radio contact with on duty officers.