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Lt. Dear puts on his boots to check on high water crossing the road during the Sept. flooding. Our officers respond to all kinds of calls, 24 hours a day – We are here to serve!



Update on Golf Carts

The City Council approved an ordinance that allows the use of golf carts (as defined by the TX Trans. Code) on city streets. There are certain requirements that must be met.

Some of those requirements include:

1. Their use is prohibited on streets w/a posted speed of 35 MPH or more.
2. Operator must have a valid driver's license
3. The golf cart must have insurance (like your car)
4. Certain equipment is required such as; headlamps, tail lamps, rearview mirror, parking brake, etc.

This is "hot off the press" so check with city hall for details of the ordinance and the effective date. We will help answer any questions you may have.

Hey Everybody!

School is back in session so please use caution when travelling around the various campuses



Message from the Chief – We are entering a new budget year and fortunately the city is in good, sound financial shape. All employees received, at the minimum, a cost of living increase in their salary. This is very important as it helps the city retain staff and attract quality applicants. The police department budget includes a new patrol vehicle to replace a 2008 Dodge P/U that we transferred to Citizens' Patrol. Other than that our budget doesn't include anything out of the ordinary. October 18 will mark my official 19th year anniversary as Chief of Police. I have been truly blessed to be able to serve this community, I can also say that I have never woken up and wished I didn't have to go to work today. *Richey*

Feel free to contact me with complaints or concerns (830) 709-0277 or email me at richard.priest@lytle.tx.org

Our community must think we don't get enough to eat!



HEB provided fajitas on Sept. 12



Atascosa Masonic Lodge # 379 provided breakfast on August 25

Lots of Information is available on our website – Visit www.lytle.tx.org/police, scroll to the bottom and you will see a table. From there you can find more than you ever cared to know about our department's activity. Weekly, Monthly, etc. it's all there.



Update on the 3 Vacant Officer Positions **"How the Process Works"**

We closed the application process on Sept. 28. We are now reviewing each application to ensure that the minimum qualifications (all our applicants must already be certified peace officers) are met and all the applications are complete. We will have an entrance exam for all the qualified applicants, though we may waive that if we only end up with a small group. From there it is off to the background investigation. For a local person that has lived here their entire life it is simpler, but still very time consuming. For a person that has lived all over the state or country it can be very challenging. We interview friends, high school teachers, coaches, neighbors, ex-wives, co-workers, etc. you get the point. If they pass that hurdle they will appear before an interview board, those that pass that will be subject to a polygraph examination. But they are not through yet. If they are given a conditional job offer they must pass a physical, drug screen and a psychological / emotional health exam. So it takes a while to get it all completed. We strive to hire quality recruits and won't settle for less just because we are a little shorthanded.



October is Fire Prevention Month

"Change the batteries in your smoke detectors"

Update on Speed Humps
Speed humps have been delivered and should be installed on Juarez St. soon. The placement of speed humps on N. Prairie St. is still under review.

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