



Lytle Police Dept.

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A Review of Reported Crimes and Police Activity for 2018

Message from the Chief –

Hello everyone! I'm spotlighting our crime reports that were taken in 2018 along with our police activity. I'm not going to use a fancy format, just some information that can be easily understood. Lots of numbers and no pictures, sorry. For those wanting more information or details please feel free to contact me and I will work on getting that data for you. I have done my best to compile accurate data but there is always a possibility that I missed something or counted it in a different area.

In case you haven't heard there are at least two major home developers that have projects planned for our city. This could lead to 1,000+ new homes in the next 5-7 years! Of course, providing police protection to those additional homes and all the businesses they bring with them will require some planning. It's not just a police department issue, all aspects of city government will need to get prepared. I'll take some new homes as long as they bring some yummy new places to eat!

-Richey

Thefts In 2018

These are simple thefts such as; shoplifting, taking a bicycle, stealing a lawnmower, taking a cell phone left in a shopping cart, etc. It does not include items taken from motor vehicles (that's a MV Burglary), items taken from a shed or closed business (that's a Burglary of a Building) or items taken from a house where the person entered illegally (that's a Burglary of a Habitation). Here is a breakdown:

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| Shoplifting Thefts at HEB / HEB C-Store | 37 |
| Other Thefts at HEB / HEB C-Store | 7 |
| All Other Thefts (spread out all over town) | 21 |
| Total Thefts Reported | 65 |

You Can Visit Our Website and Check Out More Details on the Crimes Reported to Us by Reviewing our MONTHLY REPORTS at www.lytle.tx.org/police

Burglary of Building – 6 Reported

(Entering a structure other than a habitation to commit a theft)

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| 1 – ATM Building | 1 – Ice Dispensing Machine Building | 1 – Portable Building (Appliances) |
| 1 – Apt. (used as office & storage) Floor Scraper | 1 – Restaurant (TV & Money) | 1 – Storage Shed (lawn mower) |

Burglary of a Habitation

(Somebody broke into your house and stole your stuff)
We only had one (1) home burglary in 2018!

Motor Vehicle Thefts (Stolen Vehicles) – 13 In 2018

The average year model of our stolen vehicles is 2005, all but one of our recovered vehicles was in drivable condition.

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| 1/14 | HEB P-Lot | 95 Chevy PU | Recovered in S.A. |
| 3/13 | IH-35 Svc. Rd. | 2007 KW Tractor / Trailer | Trailer Recovered in Elmendorf |
| 4/16 | Creek St. | 2015 Harley Davidson | Recov. after a pursuit in Portland TX |
| 4/29 | Blume Dr. | 1993 GMC P/U | Recov. After pursuit near Castroville |
| 5/2 | N. Pecan | 2004 Chevy Tahoe | Recov. in San Antonio |
| 6/12 | FM 2790 N @ FM 463 | 2007 Kawasaki | Recovered in Medina Co. |
| 7/9 | HEB C-Store | 1999 Ford Explorer | Recovered just outside Lytle |
| 7/23 | Creek St. | 2014 Mitsubishi Mirage | Recovered in San Antonio |
| 7/31 | IH-35 Mach. Auctioneers | 2009 Dodge P/U | NOT Recovered |
| 8/2 | HEB C-Store | 2005 Nissan Titan | NOT Recovered |
| 10/14 | HEB C-Store | 2009 Chrysler 300 | Recovered by Lytle PD |
| 11/26 | Norvell St. | 2007 Ford F250 | Recovered in Atascosa Co. |
| 12/13 | 14000 Blk. Main St. | 2005 Ford F350 | NOT Recovered |

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle - 16 Reported in 2018

(Forced Entry or Items Taken)

- **9 Occurred in Residential Areas**
- **7 in Business / Commercial Areas**

We also took another half dozen or so reports where unlocked vehicles were entered and nothing was taken

Calls for Service – Assignment Breakdown

We worked shorthanded for much of last year. With a total authorized strength of 8 officers, we handled a lot of 2018 with only 5. Capt. Reyes was able to work a lot of overtime, so he handled a lot of our calls. Here are the top 4:

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| Capt. Frank Reyes | 755 Calls for Service | (29.6%) WOW! |
| Lt. Matthew Dear | 483 Calls for Service | (18.9%) |
| Sgt. Gordon Hanson | 416 Calls for Service | (16.3%) |
| Ofc. David Lopez | 409 Calls for Service | (16%) |

What's the Busiest Day?

We had a total of 2,553 service calls last year. Interestingly those calls are spread out fairly evenly. Here is the breakdown from days with the most calls to the least.

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| Saturday | 395 |
| Friday | 386 |
| Wednesday | 374 |
| Tuesday | 363 |
| Monday | 361 |
| Sunday | 350 |
| Thursday | 324 |

Vehicle Unlocks

We responded to **192** calls to assist people who locked their keys in their vehicle. We were able to get into all but just a handful. We did accidentally break out one window though, oops!