



# Lytle Police Dept.

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Office (830) 709-0277

**24 Hour Dispatch (830) 769-3434 Option #1**



If you need A Police Officer it is always best to call the 24 Hour Dispatch #, you will reach the Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Dispatch. They have direct radio contact with our on-duty officers.

## Update on our TORNADO SIRENS

The City of Lytle has four sirens placed in our community for the purpose of alerting in the case of a Tornado. Those locations are:

1. On the water tower adjacent to the police station.
2. On the water tower near Fire Station #2 (FM 2790 @ FM 463)
3. Near the Coalmine Church (intersection of San Juan St. and Juarez St.)
4. On McDonald St. near the CVS Pharmacy

The sirens will be tested on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at Noon (if no severe weather is present). Work is also planned on determining the need and location of additional sirens.

## I hear the Tornado

### Sirens.... Now What?

Residents will hear a steady siren for 3-5 minutes.

Seek shelter immediately in an interior room...like a closet, bathroom, or other small room. If you are outdoors, seek shelter immediately. If no shelter is available lie in a ditch, ravine, culvert, or low-lying area.

Check local media outlets for updated emergency information.



The old Days Inn Demolition and the Saddle Ridge Estates Subdivision ..... Lytle PD is Preparing for the Future.



The "old" Days Inn / El Cid Motel

Arial View of Saddle Ridge Estates

## Message from the Chief .....

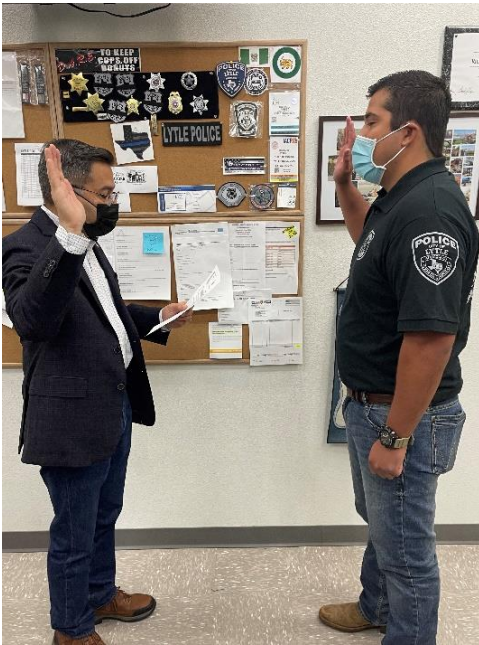
The demolition on the old Days Inn has started, it will be a big new convenience store. In addition to that, we expect new homes to be popping up in Saddle Ridge Estates (near the Best Western Plus on IH-35) very soon. When fully developed, it will bring an additional 375 homes to our city. Rest assured that the City Council and the Lytle PD are working to make sure that we are ready and equipped to handle the changes coming to our community. Yes, there will be challenges. We can expect increased vehicular traffic and additional calls for police services. This is also an exciting time for our community with the addition of new citizens and businesses.

It looks like this pandemic is in our rearview mirror. Now it's time restart and refocus on our projects and activity. I can't use "COVID-19" as an excuse forever. We had very limited in person training and most conferences we routinely attend were cancelled. Special events in the city were in the "slim to none" range. I am just waiting for the emails and phone calls from local groups requesting that I speak at their event, I just hope there is enough of me to go around. – Richey

*Our Office Phone is (830) 709-0277. It IS NOT answered 24 hours a day and should not be used if you need an immediate response.*

## STAFF UPDATE

### John Eric Cortez Joins our Team as a Reserve Officer



On April 17, 2021, Mayor Ruben Gonzalez swore in John Eric Cortez as our newest Reserve Officer. John is a Southwest HS graduate, class of 2013. He received a bachelor's degree from McMurry University in 2017. In Sept. of 2020 he graduated from the San Antonio College Law Enforcement Academy. His goal is to become a full-time officer with our department. Welcome to the team John!

### Chief & Lt. Attend Conference

After a long dry spell of conferences due to COVID-19, Chief Priest and Lt. Dear were able to attend the Texas Police Chief's Conference in Fort Worth. It was held at the end of March. It was nice to be able to see and hear people in person.

## Sign Up for Emergency Alerts! (We have a new System)

Have you signed up for our new mass notification system? Our CivicReady / AlertSense system is now up and running:

Even if you are receiving emails and you have already provided us information please go to our website and sign up for our new alert system. This is the only way we can be sure you are in the system.

Visit the following link

<https://public.alertsense.com/signup/?regionID=1618> and click on the green "Sign Up" box. Please read the introduction prior to signing up and you will also have the option to modify or cancel your notifications preferences.

If you have any questions, feel free to email us ([lytlepolice@lytle.tx.org](mailto:lytlepolice@lytle.tx.org)) and we can assist you. We can also enter your information for you.

You can download an app as well, both on Google Play and the Apple App Store:

**My Alerts, AlertSense, Inc.**

If you aren't getting the Chief's Weekly Email & Want it – Email me @ [richard.priest@lytle.tx.org](mailto:richard.priest@lytle.tx.org). We can make sure you get it!

### We Welcome Two New City Council Members

The city election in May resulted in two new council members. David Emery was elected as the District 3 Alderman and Joseph Morrow was elected as the District 1 Alderman. We are very fortunate to have citizens who are willing to serve. It's important to remember that these folks are volunteers, they are not compensated for all the time they spend at meetings and behind the scenes.

### 911 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In Sept. we will commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 911 Attack on our country.

We know some special events will be planned but we don't have any details at this time. When we find out more, we will push it out to the community.



### Do you have speeding problem in your neighborhood?

Contact us and we can see about setting up our speed trailer on your street. We can also do focused patrols. Many times, the only way we know a problem exist is if you tell us!