



Lytle Police Dept.

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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.

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts (Yes you are going to keep seeing this!)

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

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE YOU ARE SIGNED UP, PLEASE VISIT THE LINK!

(WE DON'T SEND OUT A LOT OF INFO, SO FEEL FREE TO CHECK ALL THE BOXES TO MAKE SURE YOU GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED)

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.

You can download an app as well, both on Google Play and the Apple App Store:
My Alerts, AlertSense, Inc.

The city test the Tornado Warning Sirens on the First Wednesday of Every Month @ Noon

Upcoming Test Are Schedule for

- Jan 5, 2022
- Feb. 2, 2022
- March 2, 2022

IH-35 Access / Frontage Road Construction Project

The city has been informed by TXDOT that starting in January they will be doing major work on the access / frontage roads of IH-35 (FM 2790 intersection to FM 3175 intersection). For approx. 200 days the access roads will be temporarily one way. The southbound side will run south, the northbound side will run north. The project will add sidewalks and widen the access / frontage / service roads. This will impact a lot of traffic and access to various local businesses. We will provide more information when it becomes available. Spread the word!

CJIS AUDIT Completed & Passed

Once every three years the Lytle PD is audited by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety for our compliance with how we handle Criminal Justice Information. This involves both physical and digital storage as well as computer security (both in the office and in our vehicles). Lt. Dear has coordinated these in the past and he was able to get everything together and taken care of. We are in compliance. A special thanks to Lt. Dear for making this happen. It's a lot of work.

Message from the Chief: We are trying to get back on track after the pandemic slowed some of our training plans. I believe it is very important to provide the highest quality officers we can to the community. Here is a disclaimer: We still can make mistakes, but we need to learn from them and move forward. We invest in training and equipment to give our officers what they need to do the job. When you invest in your staff, they will invest back into the organization. Our community continues to thrive, lots of new homes popping up in the Saddle Ridge subdivision and the construction of the new 7-Eleven is underway. You don't need to tell me that we have a lot of traffic in town, it has really increased in the last few years. We could pave the streets in gold if we could collect a toll on each vehicle that passed through town. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any issues or concerns. I might not be able to fix the problem, but I will talk to you about it so much that you will want to forget it. *-Richey*

**Staff Update: Ofc. David Lopez
Appointed Deputy Fire Marshal /
Fire Inspector**



Ofc. David Lopez recently passed both his state exams for Fire Inspector I & II. At the Dec. 13th City Council meeting he was appointed as a Deputy Fire Marshal – Fire Inspector. He will join Chief Priest & Lt. Dear, who have been serving as Fire Inspectors since 2009. He will perform fire inspections and enforce the city's fire code. David has already begun his training for his Arson Investigator certification. The course involved 160 hours of online training as well as 16 hours of hands-on skills. The state exam is a tough one for sure! He will be required to complete 20 hours per year of training to keep his license active. He will perform Fire Marshal duties as needed along with his police duty. Welcome to the Fire

**Staff Update: Fire Marshal R. Priest &
Asst. Fire Marshal M. Dear Attended
Annual Conference in Pasadena, TX**

Chief Priest and Lt. Dear attended the 10th annual Greater Houston Area Fire Marshal's Conference in Pasadena. The 2 ½ day conference was held at their convention center on Nov. 9 – 11, 2021. Fire alarms & emergency exits, and commercial fire suppression systems were the topics they received training on. They have attended 9 prior times and have developed a lot of contacts that help them when questions arise. With all the commercial growth we have in the works this training is vital to keep our community safe on the "fire prevention side". The training helps comply with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection annual in-service requirements. The Fire Marshal, as Head of Department, is required to have 40 hours of training each year. Others appointed to the fire marshal's office must complete at least 20 hours

**Staff Update: Ofc. Sergio Pena
Completes Breath Test Operator's Course**

During the week of Dec. 6-9, 2021, Ofc. Sergio Pena travelled to Deer Park for training. He received his certification as a Breath Test Operator, he is now an Intoxilyzer Operator. So, when a person is arrested for DWI, and they agree to provide a breath specimen Ofc. Pena can take them to an Intoxilyzer (currently we use one located in Devine and Jourdanton). When we don't have an operator, we must depend on finding one. Sgt. Hanson was our only operator, and he often would be called out to administer the test. Ofc. Pena will be required to complete annual training to maintain his certification. Congratulations on completing this difficult course!



**Staff Update: Cpl. Danny Robison
Adds Administrative Duties to His Job Description**



Our longtime Admin. Asst. Paola Rios transferred to City Hall and has been promoted to Asst. City Secretary. Cpl. Robison will be assuming all administrative duties as well as continuing some of his regular police duties. He will be handling Purchasing, Vehicle Maintenance, Payroll Submission, Records Request, Evidence and more. He is very organized, so this is right up his alley.

***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!

We normally have a waiting list of streets to place the trailer on. We will get it there; it just may take a little bit.

All Staff: Completed the required Legislative Update Course, TCIC Re-Certification and CJIS Security Training as well

**Staff Update: Lt. Dear & Ofc. D. Lopez Re-Certify as
ASP Baton Instructors**

Lt. Dear and Ofc. D. Lopez re-certified as ASP Expandable Baton Instructors. Their certification is valid for 2 years, they will be conducting annual re-training to each member of our team and initial training to any new officers that need it. The class was held in Seguin on Dec.14-16, 2021. ASP provides the training for free to those who successfully complete the physically demanding class.