



# 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.

*Richard "Richey" Priest - Chief of Police & Fire Marshal*



## 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 tests the Tornado Warning Sirens on the First Wednesday of Every Month @ Noon

Upcoming Test Are Schedule for

**April 6, 2022**

**May 4, 2022**

**June 8, 2022**

### ***New Speed Limits in Place on Lytle-Somerset St.***

Lytle Public Works recently installed new 25 MPH speed limit signs on Lytle-Somerset St. This is the first of several streets that had their speed limits lowered by an ordinance approved by the city council. Both North & South Somerset St. will soon be marked with the new speed limits as well. We hope that the motoring public will observe these new speed limits as we work to keep our streets safe.



**Message from the Chief:** Our community is truly "on the grow", there is a lot going on around town. Not only is the Saddle Ridge subdivision rapidly turning out homes, but we also have a new one that just started "cutting" roads. It is called Rosewood Estates and it will be behind the Lytle State Bank. Rosewood Estates, when fully built out, will contain over 500 new homes. We already have new residents occupying a few new homes in Saddle Ridge, when built out it will contain over 350 homes. A third big subdivision is in the planning phase as well. As the Chief of Police, I must follow all this closely to ensure that we are prepared for doubling our population in 3-5 years. We are still waiting on the TXDOT access road project to kick off, last I heard it would be early April. The big 7-Eleven is set to open in August and the other C-Store / Truck Stop project at the intersection of IH-35 and FM 3175 appears to be moving forward. As always, feel free to stop by, call or email if you want to talk. - Richey

### **Crime Stats for 2021**

Our next newsletter that will be out in July 2022 will include some of the crime stats for last year. We didn't get it all together in time for this issue.

### ***Do you have a 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.*

## Staff Update: Ofc. David Lopez Earns Advanced Texas Peace Officer Certificate



On Feb. 28, 2022, Ofc. David Lopez met the requirements to obtain his Advanced Peace Officer Certificate through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). To reach this goal, Ofc. D. Lopez was required to have a certain number of years of service, training hours and complete specific courses. The Lytle Police Dept. places a priority on staff development and strives to provide well trained officers to our community. We have a history of investing in our officers and in return we don't suffer from a constant turnover rate like many small agencies. Congratulations David!

### Partner Agency Spotlight:

## 81<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office - Criminal Interdiction Unit



Investigator Daniel Kaufman and K9 partner Gerben serve a five-county region (Atascosa, Frio, Karnes, La Salle & Wilson Counties). He has assisted us in the past with contraband searches. Under the direction of District Attorney Audrey Gossett Louis, Daniel provides 3 primary services: He works the highways & assists other agencies as needed in narcotic interdiction. He provides & coordinates training for the various K9 units in the five-county district. Last, but not least he provides K9 searches to all the ISD campuses located in the 81<sup>st</sup>. Judicial District as well. He stays very busy.

### Update On New Police Vehicles

Our police dept. is no exception when it come to the availability of new vehicles. We ordered two new Chevy Tahoe police vehicles last year. We originally were given a delivery date of Jan. 2022, then it moved to June of 2022! But we got an update, and it looks like we could have them in our hands and on the road by the end of April.

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15245 Hester St., Lytle, TX 78052

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P.O. Box 750, Lytle, TX 78052

**For questions regarding Municipal Court Citations and the various court options, please contact the court at City Hall.**

**You can reach them at 830-709-3692 (Ext. # 3)**

### Contacting Us

#### In an Emergency, Please Call 911

If you require an officer, please call 830-769-3434 (Option #1). An Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Dispatcher will answer, and they have direct radio contact with our on-duty officers. Our office phone is not answered 24 hours a day and does not forward to dispatch. You can leave a message for administrative issues or questions that are **not** time sensitive. You can email us at [lytlepolice@lytle.tx.org](mailto:lytlepolice@lytle.tx.org) as well, it is checked regularly, but please don't email us in an emergency

### Update on Officer Training

Training completed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022 includes:

- Lt. Dear and Ofc. D. Lopez traveled to Fort Worth to a one-day TASER Instructor Re-Cert. They must recertify once every two years.
- Ofc. D. Lopez, Ofc. A. Lopez and Ofc. J. Cortez attended a one-day required de-escalation course in San Antonio.
- Capt. Reyes, Sgt. Hanson, Ofc. D. Lopez, Ofc. A. Lopez, Ofc. S. Pena, Ofc. J. Cortez and Ofc. L. Diaz attended a one-day Standardized Field Sobriety update course in Hondo. This is required every two years.
- In addition to this, all the officers are assigned online training courses on a regular basis.