Lytle Police Dept.
Quarterly Newsletter – Vol. 10, Issue 3, July 1, 2022
lytlepolice@lytletx.org / www.lytletx.org/police
Richard “Richey” Priest - Chief of Police & Fire Marshal

Contact Us:
15245 Hester St. (Physical) / P.O. Box 750 (Mailing), Lytle, TX 78052
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.

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, AlertSence, Inc.

The city tests the Tornado Warning Sirens on the First Wednesday of Every Month @ Noon
Upcoming Test Are Schedule for
July 6, 2022
August 3, 2022
September 7, 2022

New Speed Limits
25 MPH Speed limit signs are now up on N. Somerset & S. Somerset Streets.

Message from the Chief: I have included some crime stats from 2021 in this newsletter. I can provide more details if anyone is interested. We are already halfway through 2022, and it is shaping up to be a busy year. Three big subdivisions, a big Stripes/7eleven, and a big truck stop with an IHOP.... That’s what we are in for. The access roads of IH-35 will be under construction for a good while, it looks like people are just getting familiar with it. That means it is time for TXDOT to change it up! The Mayor and Council are putting in a lot of time in to keep these projects going, the people at city hall are hard at work as well. Good News: For the first time in my career, I have been thinking about retiring, if all goes well, I plan to be out of here by the time my youngest son is out of college. Bad News: Benjamin won’t turn 1 year old until August, so I have a good while to do some planning. -Richey

Staff Update
Lt. Matthew Dear is currently serving as the Interim City Administrator. He started his duties on May 19. If all goes well, he will become the new City Administrator. He will continue to hold the position of Police Lt. & Asst. Fire Marshal, but it will be in a part-time, reserve capacity. We miss Matt around the PD, but he is only down the street. He should do an excellent job in his new role. Our city is growing and the demands on city hall are increasing.

Staff Update
Ofc. David Lopez and Ofc. Sergio Pena recently passed their arson investigator exam. They are both now certified arson investigators and will be licensed by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. The course included 150 hours of online training and 8 hours in person skills exam. The course was particularly challenging and required a lot studying. Good job guys!
Looking Back “Stats from 2021” – Check Out Some of What Happened Last Year
January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

**Vehicle Unlocks**
Officers responded to 141 calls for keys locked in a vehicle in 2021.
- 163 in 2020
- 173 in 2019

**Alarm Responses**
Officers responded to 236 alarm calls in 2021.
- 196 Business / 30 Residential / 10 Other
- We responded to 195 in 2020
- We responded to 176 in 2019

**2,767 Service Calls for 2021**
(We had 2,805 in 2020)

**Mental Health Crisis Calls** – Officers Responded to 50 calls involving a person in a mental health crisis

**In 2021 Lytle PD officers Conducted 1,647 Traffic Stops**
- 1,212 Resulted in Citations (& or Arrests)
- 371 Verbal Warnings
- 64 Written Warnings

**Officers Provided Traffic Control (escorts) for 29 Funerals in 2021**

**Burglary of A Motor Vehicle**
(Items stolen inside a motor vehicle)

**21 Motor Vehicle Burglaries**
- 17 From Business Commercial Areas
- 4 From Residential Areas

**53 Thefts Reported in 2021**
- Shoplifting Calls: 27 (17 of those were at H.E.B.)
- Other Thefts: 11
- Theft of a Bicycle: 4
- Theft from a Lawn or Yard: 11

**Burglary of a Building**
(Items stolen from inside a closed business, shed or detached garage broken into, mini-storage unit, etc.)

Officers took reports of 14 burglary of buildings in 2021. Nine (9) of those were from mini-storage units. We didn’t have any major business burglaries in 2021.

**Burglary of a Habitation**
(Items stolen from inside a residence)
There were 2 Habitation Burglaries reported in 2021
- #1 – A residence on CR 6842 (tools)
- #2 – A duplex under construction on Cottage St. (appliances)

**The Busiest Day of the Week?**
(Based on the number of calls)
**SATURDAY!**

**The Slowest Day of the Week?**
(Based on the number of calls)
**SUNDAY!**

**The 6 AM Hour was the slowest hour of the day.**

**The 6 PM Hour was the busiest hour of the day**
(Based on the number of calls)

**Theft of A Motor Vehicle**
Five (5) Motor Vehicles Were Reported Stolen in 2021.
- 3 – From Residential Areas
- 2 – Business / Commercial Areas
- 2020 – 14 Vehicle Thefts
- 2019 – 17 Vehicle Thefts
- 2018 – 16 Vehicle Thefts

**Vehicle Crash Reports (Accidents)**

Offices responded to 161 vehicle accidents
- 68 On Private Property
  (many at H.E.B. Plus!)
- 93 On a Public Roadway