

LytlePolice Dept.

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

Richey Priest – Chief of Police / Fire Marshal

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.

2,805 Calls in 2020

How did the calls break down?

Monday 13.7% Tuesday 13.2%
Wednesday 14.8% Thursday 14.5%
Friday 14.2% Saturday 15.1%
Sunday 14.5%

So, you can see that the busiest day is Saturday, followed by Wednesday and then Sunday.

2020 Crimes Annual Report

Message from the Chief – Welcome to our newest newsletter! I have filled this newsletter with our activity from last year, a report on 2020 Crimes you could say. I have done my best to get all the data correct but there is always a chance I added one or missed one. We did not have any big upticks in any areas. COVID-19 impacted our operations, officers made fewer traffic stops. Many people were also working from home & the kiddos were home a lot as well. This kept our residential crime low; crooks prefer to steal stuff when nobody is around. It looks like we are close to turning the tide on COVID-19 & we even survived a week of freezing temperatures & a couple days of snow. Please review this report / information & feel free to call or email me if you have any questions. There is a lot going on around town, by the time I get out the next newsletter we will have some business projects under way and even had another municipal election! *-Richey*

Thefts In 2020

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:

Shoplifting & Other Thefts at HEB / HEB C-Store	32
Thefts From Other Retail / Business Locations	30
Thefts from Residential Areas	9
Total Thefts Reported	71 (65 for 2018, 66 for 2019)

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

Vehicle Unlocks

Officers responded to 163 calls for keys locked in a vehicle last year. We didn't even break out any windows either. (We had 173 in 2019)

Alarm Responses

Officers responded to 195 alarm calls in 2020.
147 Business / 27 Residential / 21 Other
(We responded to 176 in 2019)

24 Hour Dispatch (830)769-3434

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.

In 2020 Lytle PD officers Conducted 1,001 Traffic Stops

● 614 Resulted in Citations (& or Arrests) ● 250 Verbal Warnings ● 137 Written Warnings
(In 2019 Officers Conducted 2,707 Traffic Stops, lower number this year is a result of COVID-19)

Burglary of a Habitation

(Somebody broke into your house and took your stuff)

No confirmed Residential Burglaries – We had one reported but there was no evidence of a crime, we also responded to another residence where it appeared someone tried to gain entry.

Motor Vehicle Thefts (Stolen Vehicles) – 11 In 2020

(We had 13 stolen in 2019 as well as 13 in 2018)

9 Vehicles Were Stolen from Businesses & 2 from Residential Areas

1/9	Blume Dr. (Taken by Family Member)	2014 Chevy Equinox	Recovered by Live Oak PD
2/7	Quicksilver Automotive	2000 Ford F250	Recovered in Bastrop County
2/23	H.E.B. Plus	2004 Ford F250	Recovered in Medina County
4/14	Lytle H.S.	2002 Ford F250 P/U	Recovered in San Antonio
4/21	H.E.B. Plus	2006 Dodge Ram P/U	Not Recovered
4/30	Lytle Mini Storage	2014 Ford U-Haul Truck	Recovered by SAPD
5/10	15000 Harbour St.	2014 Ford Expedition	Recovered by SAPD
7/13	Quicksilver Automotive	2004 Ford F250	Not Recovered
8/20	Quicksilver Automotive	2015 Nissan Sentra	Recovered in Bexar County
11/13	Pump House Carwash	2016 Kenworth Truck Tractor	Recovered by SAPD
11/13	Lytle Mini Storage	2019 Ford Econoline Van (U-Haul)	Recovered by SAPD

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle - 14 Reported in 2020

(Forced Entry or Items Taken) (17 Reported in 2019 and 16 reported in 2018)

3 Occurred in Residential Locations and 11 in Commercial / Business Locations

We had one **robbery** incident reported in 2020. A subject brandished a gun and took some items from a person they had met online and agreed to meet to purchase an item.

Burglary Of Buildings

12 Burglary of Buildings were reported in 2020

(Officers Investigated 9 Burglary of Building Cases in 2019, we had 6 in 2018)

A burglary of a building is when a building, other than a residence is entered and items are taken. This is most typically a closed business, detached garage /shed or a mini storage.

- 6 - Locations - Mini-Storage
- 1 - Gas Stations
- 1 - Detached Garage
- 1 - Vet Clinic
- 1 - School
- 1 - Ice Cream Shop
- 1 - Portable Building

Interestingly, officers caught the suspects in the act and made arrests on two of these incidents.

More LPD News



In January, **Ofc. David Lopez** was recognized for **10 Years of Service** with the City of Lytle. We are glad to have him on our team.

Transitioning to New Emergency Alert System

We currently are using NIXLE / Everbridge as our provider for sending out emergency & routine messages. In the near future will be transitioning to CIVIC READY. This is a companion product to our website provider (CIVIC PLUS). This will provide for a more robust & integrated system. We will be sending out more info. soon.