

# Lytle Police Dept.

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Richard “Richey” Priest - Chief of Police & Fire Marshal



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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 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.



## 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!

*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 about 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

# 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

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)

## **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

## 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

## 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.

## ***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

## 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)**