



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.



**Change Those
Smoke
Detector
Batteries and
Check your
Fire
Extinguishers**

New City Budget Includes Additional Funds for the Police Dept

Oct. 1st is the start of the city's new fiscal year so that means a "new budget". Other than the normal routine expenses, the police department received some additional funding. The purchase of 2 new Chevrolet Tahoe SUVs, fully equipped, was approved as well as adding a 9th full-time officer position. All full-time city staff received a 3% cost of living raise as well. So, what does a fully equipped police vehicle cost? Here is the breakdown:

2022 Chevy Tahoe **\$37,000**

Radio, Camera System, Radar & Computer **\$20,000**

Emergency Lights, Prisoner Cage, Brush Guard, Console, Rear Vault, Door Guards, Window Guards, Siren, Speaker, Various Mounts, and misc. items and top it off with graphics **\$14,500**

**So, to fully outfit / upfit one (1) vehicle it is about
\$71,500**

25 MPH Speed Limits Coming Soon to a Street Near You

The Lytle City Council passed an ordinance lowering the speed limit on several city streets. The speed limit will decrease from 30 MPH to 25 MPH on the following streets:

- Lytle-Somerset St.
- North Prairie St.
- Diaz St.
- N. Benton St.
- Somerset St. (North & South)

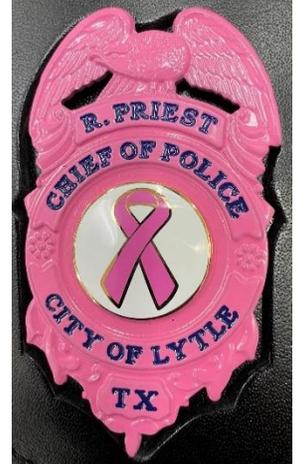


The new speed limits will not become "law" until the signs are posted. New signs were ordered and will be clearly visible to vehicular traffic.

**October is
National Breast
Cancer
Awareness
Month**

Message from the Chief:

From some of the headlines in my newsletter you can tell we have a lot going on. Two new vehicles on order and a new officer position being added. That alone is enough to keep us busy for a while. We will also be working to address the increase complaints regarding speeding and stop sign / red light runners. We hope that the lowered speed limits on some of our heavily travelled city streets will also bring some relief to the residents. We have some special events on the horizon, including the Lytle Homecoming Parade on Nov. 6, 2021. It should be a fun time for all. We are still awaiting details on the Christmas Hayride. Still, lots of growth growing on around here. Feel free to call or stop by if you have any concerns. I'll be hanging around for a while unless I get fired or something. - Richey



STAFF UPDATE

Our Administrative Assistant is Transferring to City Hall



Paola, hard at work on one of her final days at the PD

Paola Rios has worked for the city almost 13 years. She spent the last 9 years at the police dept. She is headed back to city hall to explore some new opportunities. We will miss her, but she won't be too far away. She will be a great asset to City Hall. We wish her well.

Part-Time Officer John E. Cortez transfers to Full-Time

The Lytle City Council Authorized the transferring of John E. Cortez to fill a newly created full-time peace officer position. The transfer is effective Oct. 7, 2021. This brings our authorized strength to 9 full-time Peace Officer positions. John started with us as a Reserve Officer in April of this year. This additional position will greatly enhance our ability to serve our growing community. We thank the City Council and our citizens for their dedication to public safety.

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts!

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

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.

If you have any questions, feel free to email us (lytlepolice@lytle.tx.org) and we can assist you. We can also enter your information for you.

You can download an app as well, both on Google Play and the Apple App Store:

My Alerts, AlertSense, Inc.



If you aren't getting the Chief's Weekly Email & Want it – Email me @ richard.priest@lytle.tx.org. We can make sure you get it!

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.

COVID-19 & FLU Prevention

Three months ago, I stated in my Chief's message that the pandemic was in our "rearview mirror". Well, I was wrong. So, I want to remind everyone of some simple precautions that you can take to help us deal with the current situation.

- ❖ If you want to get the vaccine, they appear readily available
- ❖ Social distancing, while you are probably tired of hearing this it is a pretty good concept, some people (like me) are just naturally socially distanced by others.
- ❖ Masks are plentiful as well, if you need some, we have some available at the PD
- ❖ Wash your hands frequently. Hey, shouldn't we be doing that anyway?

I am providing this as general information only; I understand that emotions can run high of some of these topics.

Richey