

# 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.

## Say Goodbye to our Juvenile Curfew

One of the many laws recently passed by our state legislature prohibits cities from enacting Juvenile Curfews. To comply with this, our city council recently took action to repeal our juvenile curfew ordinance. Officers will still check on juveniles out in the wee hours of the morning, we just have one less tool to use. We are fortunate that juvenile crime is currently not an issue we struggle with.

**Message from the Chief of Police** – This has been a long, hot summer and it has been hard to stay motivated and energized. Fortunately, we haven't had any big crime sprees. We have lots of new homes and residents, the school has increased enrollment and “traffic” is now just not something we say we “ran into in San Antonio”. If all goes as planned our dept. will be fully staffed very soon and we are still waiting on two new police vehicles we ordered one year ago! I encourage you to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. In other news ... October 18<sup>th</sup> will mark my 24<sup>th</sup> year as the Chief of Police, time flies when you are having fun. – Richey [richard.priest@lytle.tx.org](mailto:richard.priest@lytle.tx.org)

## Some Important Reminders

- If you need an officer, please call **830-769-3434, option #1**. This is our “**non-emergency**” number and is answered 24/7 by the Atascosa Co. Sheriff's Office.
- If you have an emergency, please Call **911**
- Our office phone number 830-709-0277, it is just an administrative line and often there is no one in the office to answer it. You can leave a message on subjects that don't require an immediate response.
- We have officers on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our police station is often unmanned because the officers are out working the streets.

The city tests the Tornado Warning Sirens on the First Wednesday of Every Month @ Noon  
Upcoming Test Are Schedule for  
**October 4, 2023**  
**November 1, 2023**  
**December 6, 2023**

## City Trivia

### Did you know?

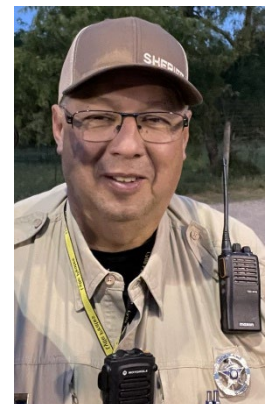
An election was held on Oct. 27, 1951, to incorporate the city. This election was requested July 26, 1951, by forty-two (42) Lytle residents. The vote at this election was: FOR – 88 and AGAINST -75. The actual incorporation date: October 29, 1951.

Wow! That was a close one. So, when Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> rolls around sing happy birthday to our city.

(Special thanks to retired city secretary Josie Campa who compiled this information for the city's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2001.)

## Partner Agency Spotlight Medina Co Sheriff's Office – SRD Div.

The Lytle ISD contracts with the Medina Co. Sheriff's Office for School Based Law Enforcement. Our Officers work closely with Deputy/S.R.O. Rick Valdez to ensure the safety of the students and staff.



# UPDATE ON STAFF AND RECENT TRAINING



Ofc. Roger Garcia

## Ofc. Roger Garcia Earns His Intermediate & Advanced Peace Officer Certificate

In July, Officer Roger Garcia received his intermediate Peace Officer Certification and his Advanced Peace Officer Certification. God Job Roger!

## Training Completed this Quarter:

June 19-22 – Ofc. John Cortez and Ofc. Luis Diaz attended a 40-hour TCOLE Instructors Course in Hondo. They will now be able to help with our in-house training.

June 28 – Sgt. David Lopez attended a 6-hour course on Responding to Social Change. The class was held in Schertz and was put on by the Texas Municipal League Risk Mgt. Pool.

July 10-14 – Ofc. Roger Garcia attended the 40-hour TCOLE Intermediate Crime Scene Search Class at the AACOG Law Enf. Academy.

July 19 – Ofc. Sergio Pena attended an 8-hour School Based Active Shooter Course at SWISD.

August 24 – Sgt. David Lopez attended an 8-hour GLOCK Armorer's certification class at the Harlandale ISD Police Dept.

## Interdiction for the Protection of Children

Sgt. Gordon Hanson and Cpl. Danny Robison attended a 16-hour course for the "Interdiction for the Protection of Children". The course was held in Pleasanton on July 26 and 27. It was taught by TXDPS and the instructors included Texas Rangers. The class is designed to make the officers aware of the resources available to assist them in establishing the status of a child who may be missing, exploited, or at risk of exploitation. The officers returned with a wealth of knowledge.



## Lt. Matt Dear is set to Return to the Police Dept. on a Full-Time Basis

Matthew Dear will be transferring from the City Administrator position to that of a Police Captain. The transfer will occur once the City Administrator position is filled. We look forward to his return and all the experience and knowledge he brings with him. He stayed on as a commissioned peace officer with us, but he had been working in a reserve capacity. He took over as the city administrator in May of 2022, & he was the first one to hold that position since 1984! He provided vital leadership in a time of transition after the retirement of long-time city secretary Josie Campa.

## Have you signed up for our 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>

## October is Fire Prevention Month

Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries and Make Sure Your Fire Extinguishers Are Charged Up and Ready in Case of an Emergency



**Don't Miss the Homecoming Parade! It will take place on Saturday Nov. 4, 2023. The parade starts at 10 AM. The majority of Main St will be closed for approx. 45 minutes.**