Press Release

The Freehold Borough Police Department has initiated a new community policing program called "Safe Exchange Zone." The "Safe Exchange Zone" program is intended to address the safety concerns brought about with on-line purchases from websites such as Craigslist, eBay, Face book groups, and classified ads, etc. and to provide a safe location for families with visitation rights to make the custodial exchange.

The Freehold Borough Police Department is not aware of any local transactions that have gone awry, however it is our commitment to put community safety first and provide a public area where such exchanges can take place. While we are implementing the "Safe Exchange Zone" to provide a safe area for buyers and sellers to meet, it is important to remember that people you meet on-line are strangers and can pose dangers. Not every buyer or seller you meet on-line is someone who is true with their intent.

This new program is set to take effect, May 4, 2016. The "Safe Exchange Zone" is located in the lobby of the Freehold Borough Police Department or just outside the lobby doors located at 36 Jackson St., Freehold, New Jersey. The marked area is under 24 hour video surveillance which is recorded by state of the art security cameras. We encourage all residents to conduct business during day light hours, bring a cell phone and or another person as well as let family or friends of your pending transactions.

The Safe Exchange Zone may not be used to make illegal transactions of narcotics, dangerous or deadly weapons, or any other dangerous materials. In addition, - Police Department employees will not act as witness or be a part of any transactions. Remember that Police Personnel are not trained nor authorized to validate the legitimacy of any transaction, item for sale, or integrity or legality of a sale.

The Freehold Police Department makes no guarantees, assurances or promises as to the safety or security of any in-person transaction that may take place on Police Department property. All such transactions are conducted at your own risk. Freehold Police are merely providing a neutral location which is subject to unmanned video surveillance to increase the public's peace of mind when engaging in such transactions. Residents and visitors are asked to call the Freehold Borough Police Department at (732) 462-1233 with any questions.

