



## **“SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE”**

### **Haverford Township Police**

The Haverford Township Police Department has established a “Safe Exchange Zone” in the front visitor parking lot of the Haverford Township Police Administration Building, located at 1010 Darby Road, Havertown. There is an area in the visitor’s lot marked with signs marking the “Safe Exchange Zone. The marked area is video recorded by security cameras. It should be noted that personnel are not in the police station at all times, therefore it is recommended that the zone be used during normal business hours, Monday-Friday. If this is not possible, the area is recorded and routinely patrolled.

This zone has been set up as a courtesy to and for the protection of Haverford Township residents involved in an online transaction and custody exchanges. We do not endorse any service and only provide this area as an added layer of safety for those residents involved in online commerce. Haverford Township Police officers will not intervene as witnesses, negotiators, or brokers for transactions.

The exchange of any type of weapons, destructive devices, any illicit items, controlled dangerous substances, or controlled dangerous substance paraphernalia are not permitted on our property and persons to be found in possession of those will be subject to arrest.

While the “Safe Exchange Zone” provides an area for buyers and sellers to meet, it is important to remember that people you meet online are strangers and can pose dangers. Not every buyer or seller you meet online is someone who is true with their intent. When making arrangements to complete online transactions face-to-face, residents should be reminded to:

- Complete all transactions during daylight hours, if possible
- Bring a cell phone in case of emergency
- Notify friends or family about the details of the exchange beforehand
- Never invite strangers to your home or agree to meet at a stranger’s home
- Reconsider any transaction with an individual who refuses to meet at a designated “Safe Exchange Zone”