

## EXCHANGE ZONE



This area has been designated for conducting private property transactions.

### Please Note

Township of Belleville employees will not act as official witnesses to transactions, do not give legal advice and will not settle civil disputes related to any transaction.

Township of Belleville or its employees are not responsible in any way for the value, authenticity or legitimacy of such transactions.

If a police response is needed, call 911 (emergency) or (973)-450-3334 (non-emergency).

24-HOUR VIDEO RECORDING

The Belleville Police Department has established a “Safe Exchange Zone” near the entrance to the Police Department, closest to the parking lot on the North side of the building located at 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, NJ, 07109. There is an area near the entrance to the building which has two signs indicating the zone (photograph attached). This area is video recorded by state of the art security cameras.

This zone has been set up as a courtesy to and for the protection of Belleville Township residents involved in an online transaction such as a Craig’s List or Online Yard Sale purchase. We do not endorse any service and only provide this area as an added layer of safety for those residents involved in online commerce.

Belleville Police officers will not intervene as witnesses, negotiators, or brokers. Our officers and civilian staff members are not permitted to provide legal advice or become involved in civil matters resulting from disputes over payment, quality, etc.

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.

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 “Internet Purchase Exchange Zone”



# Safe Exchange Zone