



"Safe Exchange Zone" Designation

Do you feel apprehensive when making an e-commerce transaction with someone you don't know, like a seller from Facebook Marketplace?

Anderson Township has a safe place to conduct e-commerce transactions or conduct child custody exchanges without fear of being victimized.

The parking lot of the Sheriff's Office District 5 substation has a designated "Safe Exchange Zone," a location that is well lit and also under 24-hour video surveillance. This exchange area provides an alternative to meeting a stranger at a private residence or unfamiliar location.

Although the surveillance cameras are not monitored in real time, the footage can be reviewed if an incident were to occur. During regular weekday business hours, the inside lobby is also available for residents to use. "We want to have a safe location available for our residents to conduct these kinds of exchanges, which minimizes the opportunity for an encounter to go wrong," said Deputy Kevin Wanner, Crime Prevention Officer with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Wanner also notes that while District 5 is an active substation for the Sheriff's Office, deputies may not be on site when you conduct your transaction or exchange. If an emergency should arise, call 911.