

News

Exchange Zone now Available

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COLLEGE STATION POLICE DEPARTMENT

February 10, 2016 – News Release: Exchange Zone now Available

On February 10th, 2016 the College Station Police Department’s Exchange Zone went live. This was an idea brought forward by City Council Member James Benham, who was concerned that the City of College Station did not have designated areas for citizens to meet and conduct private property business transactions. At times these transactions begin over the internet through websites such as Craigslist. Once an agreement is made an exchange of property is completed by meeting face to face. Unfortunately, someone with ill intentions can use this meeting as an opportunity to commit a crime against the other person.

In an effort to make these “meet and exchange” transitions safer the police department has designated two parking spots in their main parking lot for this to occur. These spots are clearly marked by signs titled “EXCHANGE ZONE”.

The following are important facts to know:

- These spots are provided as a courtesy and will not be monitored live by the department.**
- This designated area is recorded by video 24 hours a day. The recorded transactions will be used for investigative purposes if a suspected crime is reported.**
- Police department personnel will not take part in any transaction.**
- If an emergency arises during an exchange 911 should be dialed.**
- The sale and exchange of weapons is prohibited.**
- This area may be used for parents transferring children from one vehicle to another.**
- There is no guarantee that these designated spots will be unoccupied.**
- The City of College Station is not responsible for liability arising out of property transactions or custody exchanges.**

The City of College Station and the Police Department hope that this designated Exchange Zone makes our citizens feel more comfortable conducting a private property business transaction.

The safety of our community does not have borders. It is the goal of every law enforcement agency to protect the citizens that we serve. Be the eyes and ears of your police department. When you see suspicious activity contact the College Station Police Department at 979-764-3600 or the Texas A&M University Police Department at 979-845-2345; contact the Bryan Police Department or the Brazos County Sheriff’s Office at 979-361-3888. Together we can make a difference in our community.

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