

Cheektowaga Police Department becomes SafeTrade location

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Chronicle file photo of Cheektowaga Police headquarters.

CHEEKTOWAGA – The Cheektowaga Police Department announced Thursday that the police station on Union Road has become a [SafeTrade location](#) where citizens can complete online transactions face-to-face in a safe location.

The initiative is to help people who use online classified websites like Craigslist.

The police lobby is available to anyone 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, and no appointments are necessary. The lobby provides recorded video and audio surveillance. No weapons are allowed.

Anyone can use the lobby to complete your transaction. It is located at 3223 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227.

While the lobby is a safe place to exchange items it is important to note that all sales are civil matters and officers should not be called on to intervene in any disputes.

The national program was program launched in 2015 in response to the thousands of transactions initiated on Craigslist and other classified sites that have gone awry. Locally, several transactions in recent months involving cell phones around the Pine Hill section of town have gone south after the supposed seller takes the victim's money and runs away.