

Online Transactions

Rules of Craigslist and other personal transaction sites should be followed.

- Deal locally, face to face - Follow this one rule and avoid 99 percent of scam attempts.
- Do not extend payment to anyone you have not met in person.
- Beware of offers involving shipping - Deal with locals you can meet in person.
- Never wire funds (e.g., Western Union) - Anyone who asks you to is a scammer.
- Don't accept cashier's checks, certified checks, or money orders - Banks cash fakes, then hold you responsible.
- Transactions are between users only. "No third party provides a "guarantee."
- Never give out financial info (bank account, Social Security, Paypal account, etc.).
- Do not purchase sight unseen - That amazing "deal" may not exist.
- Refuse background/credit checks until you have met the buyer/seller in person.



Tinley Park Police Department

7850 W. 183rd Street
Tinley Park, IL 60477
708-444-5300
Emergency 911

Mission Statement

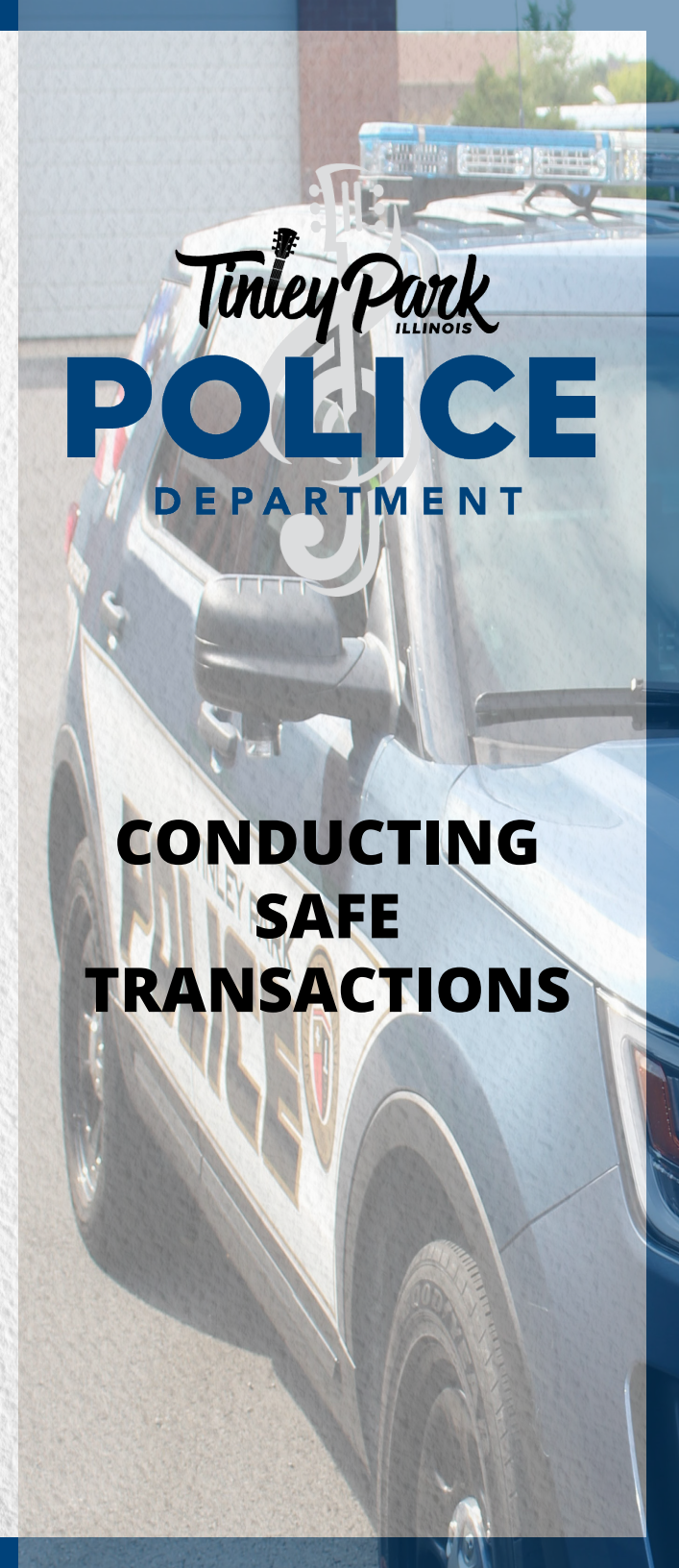
We, the members of the Tinley Park Police Department, in partnership with the community, are dedicated to providing professional police services. We are committed to serve with integrity and compassion, and strive to improve the quality of life within the community of Tinley Park.

STAY IN TOUCH

- Online: www.tinleypark.org hosts information on the latest news and events.
- Community Email: Information delivered weekly to your email. Subscribe by visiting the Village website and clicking on the "Stay Informed" tab on the lower left.
- Facebook: "Like" us at www.facebook.com/VillageofTinleyPark for information in your news feed.
- Twitter: Follow Tinley Park at www.twitter.com/VillageTinleyPk.
- Tinley TV: Airs constantly on Comcast Channel 4 and U-verse Channel 99, as well as on the Village YouTube channel. Visit www.tinleypark.org/TPTV for information.
- Sign up for the Village Code Red Emergency Notification System at www.tinleypark.org/StayInformed where you can choose to receive emergency, non-emergency, and weather information via landline, cell phone, email, text message, and/or TTY.



**CONDUCTING
SAFE
TRANSACTIONS**



Area residents have a neutral, safe place to conduct personal transactions such as, Craigslist sales or the private sale or purchase of a car thanks to the Village of Tinley Park - Safe Transactions Program.

Buyers and sellers can use the parking lot and lobby of the Tinley Park Police Department, 7850 W. 183rd Street, at any time, seven days a week, to conduct these transactions.

The Tinley Park Police Department is strictly providing a safe location and will not facilitate or otherwise be associated in any way with, any transaction occurring between private parties.

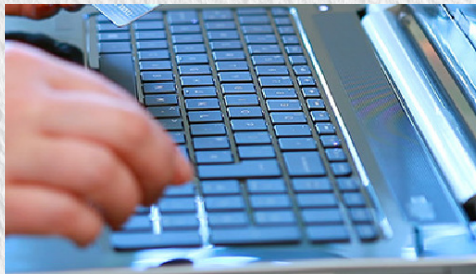
Sellers and buyers should refrain from bringing large items into the police station. The police department will not provide any assistance to the parties. Verification of authenticity, verification of payment, and use of copy machines and police computers will be strictly prohibited.

Prohibited sale items include drugs, firearms and hazardous materials. Large items and items fueled by gasoline are not allowed in the lobby, but they are acceptable in the parking lot.

Please note the Village of Tinley Park takes no responsibility for any transaction conducted on Village property. Staff also will direct any person who is disruptive or not following the rules to leave immediately.

Those who choose not to use the police department as a safe place to conduct transactions should take the following precautions.

- Insist on a public meeting place to conduct the transaction. Do not meet in a secluded location.
- Do not invite strangers to your home.
- Be especially careful when buying or selling high-value items.
- Tell a friend where you are going, or have a friend accompany you.
- Take your cell phone with you.
- Trust your instincts - If it's too good to be true, it probably is.



Sellers and buyers conducting business transactions on Craigslist should keep the following tips in mind.

- When posting an ad, take advantage of the Craigslist "Use an Anonymous Craigslist Email Address" option. Doing so will send questions about the ad to your email address without exposing it to the sender, in turn sparing you from being spammed, solicited, or otherwise harassed.

- Use cash only. If you accept a cashier's check or money order, you may fall victim to a common online scam that involves depositing a fake money order into your account and leaving you with nothing in the transaction. If you pay with a personal check, the seller can harvest your checking account information, which could then be used for fraudulent purposes.

Recognizing Scams

Most scam attempts involve one or more of the following:

- Email or text from someone that is not local to your area
- Vague initial inquiry (e.g., asking about "the item,"), poor grammar/spelling
- Western Union, Money Gram, cashier's check, money order, Paypal, shipping, escrow service, or a "guarantee"
- Inability or refusal to meet face to face to complete the transaction

If you feel threatened during a transaction, come into the lobby and ask for an officer.



For more information on the Safe Transactions Program, please call the Tinley Park Police Department at (708) 444-5300.