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Safe Exchange Zone

On May 21, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., there will be a press conference at the South Central Patrol Division located at 1999 E. Camp Wisdom Road. The Dallas Police Department and OfferUp are unveiling the city's first Community MeetUp Spots, designed to create a safe space for buyers and sellers from online and mobile marketplaces to complete their transactions in a surveilled, well-lit, and monitored environment.

This is the first time the Department has provided safe exchange zone locations, an initiative meant to increase public awareness about the simple measures that can be taken to encourage safer in-person transactions. OfferUp partnered with the DPD to install the Community MeetUp Spots which include signage and cameras.

In addition to these Community MeetUp Spots, OfferUp has provided additional training to detectives from DPD on best practices and available tools on how to work closely with OfferUp to detect and deter criminal activity stemming from online transactions. This program is free to Law Enforcement and combines the company's efforts around safety and awareness.

Chief of Police U. René Hall, Deputy Chief Thomas Castro, Criminal Investigations Bureau, Sarah Parker, Community Manager at OfferUp, will be present to make brief remarks.

If you have any questions, please contact the Media Relations office at (214) 671-4065 or any questions relating to OfferUp, contact Lisa Chan, Director of Communications, at (415) 994-2180.

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