

## City of Bay Village POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On 10/12/2020 at 3:37pm, The Bay Village Police Department received a call regarding a possible homeless person, laying under a tarp, on a bench by St. Barnabas church.

The residents of Bay Village are encouraged to contact the Police Department if they see or hear anything unusual. This is an example of the many different calls for service the Bay Village Police Department receives.

Had there been a person laying on a bench, our officers are trained first responders and would be able to assess the situation and take the appropriate action. Our officers are able to render first aid in a medical emergency or assist with securing emergency shelter.

Many of our officers are certified in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), which "creates connections between law enforcement, mental health providers, hospital emergency services and individuals with mental illness and their families."

We are pleased with the positive interaction our responding officer had with Fr. Alex Martin, the pastor at St. Barnabas. The City of Bay Village hopes that this will bring attention to homelessness and encourage our community members to help those in need.

Respectfully,

Chief Kathy Leasure