

Toddler nearly drowns at Sand Harbor

A toddler is alive thanks to the quick actions of a school resource officer visiting Lake Tahoe on June 27.

Roy Mitchell Jr. with the Baltimore County Police Department said he noticed something unusual in the water approximately 10 feet from shore. Upon closer look, he determined it was a hand. Mitchell lifted a motionless female child, approximately 2 to 3 years old, from the lake at Sand Harbor.

He yelled for help and was met by the child's father, who took the child from Mitchell to the area of the beach where the rest of the family was.

Mitchell then told a lifeguard what happened. Mitchell said lifeguards assessed the child for about 10 minutes, determining no other emergency response was involved.

It is not known where the child was from or why she was in the water alone.

Mitchell was visiting the Incline Village park during a break from the National Association of School Resource Officers' (NASRO) School Safety Conference in Reno.

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