

I wanted to make the neighbourhood aware of some activity that happened this morning at the park.

I was walking my dog and noticed a bunch of smoke coming from the jungle gym in the park. I went to check it out and there was a young man there setting fire to a pile of newspapers beneath the cloth little bridge on the jungle gym.

I confronted him and demanded that he extinguish the fire, which he did half-heartedly, kicking sand on it.

Once the majority of the fire was dealt with, he said he had to go and walked away. I called 911 and the fire truck was there momentarily and the police walked up with the suspect in tow moments after that. A plainclothes officer arrived about a minute later to back up the uniformed officer.

I was hugely impressed with the response time of both the fire department, who dealt with the fire within a minute of arriving, and of the police who apprehended the suspect.

I wanted to write a little positive note saying thanks for the super fast response. It was a very positive experience, well as positive as an attempted arson can be.