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Juvenile Issued Civil Citation After Starting Fire in School Bathroom

Flagler County Sheriff's Deputies responded Friday afternoon to Rymfire Elementary School after a fire alarm was triggered. Upon FCSO arrival it was discovered that the fire was started in a restroom when a 1st grade student lit a paper towel dispenser on fire in an attempt to change the color of his mood ring.



Left: Damage inside of the bathroom at Rymfire Elementary School. Right: Flooding in classroom caused by sprinkler system.

The smoke from the fire triggered the sprinkler system, causing flooding in the north end of the school. The juvenile was released to his mother but he was issued a civil citation for criminal mischief with a recommendation that he be evaluated as a candidate for the fire starter program.

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“I would like to thank the deputies who responded quickly to the elementary school and assisted the school and fire department,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “This underscores why it is so important to have a deputy in every school and fortunately next year every elementary school will have one. It also emphasizes the need for parents to be parents and teach their children right from wrong. Thankfully no one was injured.”

Rymfire Elementary is currently discussing disciplinary actions leading up to a 5 day suspension. No faculty or students were injured in the fire

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