12-year-old NYC boy burns self in 'fire challenge'

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Fire officials told the *Daily News* that firefighters responded to a home in the Queens neighborhood of Far Rockaway on Tuesday night and found the burned boy but no fire.

The boy was taken to a hospital in serious condition. Police say he is expected to survive.

Police told WABC-TV that the boy had been trying to perform the 'fire challenge' by dousing himself alcohol before setting himself ablaze with a lighter, while standing in a bathroom.

Neighbors helped extinguish the fire by throwing water on him after the boy ran out of his hous