Through the Fire: Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona’s 10th Annual Camp Fury

Background
Camp Fury
- Founded in 2009 by Tucson Fire Chief, Laura Baker, and Tubac Fire District Chief and GSSOAZ Board Chair, Cheryl Horvath.
- Camp Fury is a high-adventure camp offering immersion experiences into public safety fields, including how to operate a firehouse, dust for fingerprints, rappel down a building, and climb a firetruck ladder.
- Partners with 25 different public safety agencies in Southern Arizona.

Current Research
- Women currently represent only 3.5% of firefighters, 13.6% of police officers and 30.6% of emergency medical technicians and paramedics.¹
- In 2000, only 17% of those working full-time in one of 184 occupations requiring strength, stamina, dexterity or involving outdoor, dirty or dangerous work were women.²
- In 2000, 46.6% of women were either an EMT, medical technician, nurse or had another medical occupation prior to their first paid fire job, compared to only 34.4% of men.²
- 84.7% of women have experienced different treatment due to their gender, compared to only 12.4% of men.²
- 36.5% of women reported that their gender has created barriers to their career advancement, compared to 7.4% of men.²

Methods
Participants & Procedures
- 26 Girl Scouts completed pre-surveys prior to the beginning of Camp Fury.
- 28 Girl Scouts completed post-surveys following the completion of Camp Fury.
- Girls ranged in age from 14 to 18 and in academic year from entering 9th grade to entering their first year of college.
- Took place during the summer of 2018, beginning on Tuesday, May 29 and concluding on Saturday, June 2.

Results

Perceived Teamwork Ability: Before vs. After Camp

Perceived Leadership Ability: Before vs. After Camp

References

Discussion
- Camp Fury had a positive impact on the girls that participated in the summer of 2018. The girls were able to gain and improve upon their teamworking and leadership abilities. They also learned a significant amount about what it takes to pursue a career as fire/EMS responders or in law enforcement.
- Camp Fury is not only one of the most impactful camps offered by Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona, but also one of the most enjoyable for everyone involved.
- Future research would benefit from connecting with Camp Fury alumni to assess their current occupations.