Junior Public Safety Academy July 20-24th

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Sixty-nine youths between the ages of eight and 18 got to enjoy a week filled with activities that emergency responders go through when training as new recruits. This challenging and innovative learning environment inspires children to achieve academic and fitness excellence.

The Junior Public Safety Academy headed by UNM-Gallup is a joint venture with the City of Gallup, Gallup Police and Fire Departments, McKinley County Sheriff's Office, McKinley County Emergency and Fire, New Mexico Motor Transportation Department, New Mexico State Police, and Navajo Police Department.

UNM-G provided all the uniforms, their facilities, along with various other inventory needed for the program.

McKinley County Board of Commissioners approved $7,000 in funds to go toward this year's academy. Photos on this page captured the academy in action at the Gallup's south side Fire Department July 22.