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14th Citizen Police Academy Underway

The [Vallejo Police Department](#) has started up its 14th Citizen Police Academy for community members interested in volunteering with the department. The 12-week-long academy has 15 registered participants who are receiving a general overview of law enforcement taught by 15 instructors and current police volunteers. Past academies have developed the highly valued team of volunteers that currently support the department.



The Academy is designed to give citizens a broad look into Vallejo's day-to-day activity with a specific focus on the services of the Vallejo Police Department. The curriculum is designed to introduce future volunteers and interested residents to law enforcement. The topics covered include organizational structure, DUI enforcement, criminal law, the Justice System, police training, field training, patrol operations, narcotics, gangs, investigations, traffic enforcement and others. The Academy will also give SWAT and K9 demonstrations. The program began on August 8th and will continue until October 20th.

Cal Maritime Cadets Showcase Panama Canal Passage

Earlier this year, [California Maritime Academy](#) cadets participated on a two-month training cruise on the Golden Bear. Part of the cruise included traversing the Panama Canal.



One of the cadets created a video using more than 1,800 photos. Click on the following link to see a 1 minute 49 second presentation that took more than 14 hours in real time:

[Panama Canal Video](#)

Cal Maritime has been located at its waterfront location at the mouth of the Napa River and Carquinez Strait since 1943.

Vallejo Fire Department Offers Relief with Strike Teams

The [Vallejo Fire Department](#) does more than just assist the Vallejo community with medical and fire emergencies. During fire season Vallejo supports the state fire service taming large wild land fires. This summer nine VFD personnel were deployed to two out-of-county strike teams. Recently, Vallejo firefighters were

deployed to a large fire located in the Plumas National Forest between the North Fork of the Feather River and Lake Almanor.

Shortly after the VFD Strike Team finished up in the Plumas National Forest, they were sent to help suppress fires in Tehama County. With more than 1,000 acres burning, the VFD Strike Team provided important assistance to the Cal Fire Butte Unit.



The Vallejo Fire Department is proud to offer assistance to other communities in need. The City of Vallejo is reimbursed for the costs of these support efforts.

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The City of Vallejo recently passed an ordinance that bans smoking in the City's public parks. Residents of Vallejo are now able to enjoy the many public parks in Vallejo in a smoke free environment. The community is proud of its large network of public parks and the ordinance will also support litter reduction in these public assets.

The initiative for the ordinance was provided by Project ASHES (Alleviating Second Hand Exposure to Smoke) a tobacco prevention project of [Fighting Back Partnership](#) funded by the California Tobacco Control Program and the California Department of Public Health.

For more than a year, a Smoke-Free Parks Committee has been educating the community about the dangers of tobacco and second hand smoke. The Smoke-Free Parks Committee is made up of community partners, including the Solano County Tobacco Education Coalition, the American Cancer Society, Touro University and various youth programs in Vallejo. With the help of the [Greater Vallejo Recreation District](#), the City of Vallejo is working to get "No Smoking" signs posted in all of the parks.

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