



INTRODUCING

## **THE ROBBIN MACKBEE FIREFIGHTER/EMS YOUTH ACADEMY**



***A Youth Development and Mentoring Program***

*in cooperation with*

***The City of Vallejo Fire Department  
The Vallejo City Unified School District  
Medic Ambulance Service  
Solutions For At Risk Youth, Inc.***



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 10, 2016

To Whom It May Concern

It is my privilege to present this letter in support of the Robin Mackbee Firefighter Youth Academy (the "Academy"). The Academy program offers a fantastic opportunity for positive change for at risk youths who attend Vallejo and Jesse Bethel High Schools. The Academy is a youth development program which has partnered with the Vallejo Fire Department and the Vallejo City Unified School District to mentor youth and provide career exploration and life guidance.

The Robin Mackbee Firefighter Youth Academy, is a nine month program which was implemented in October 2015, to help youth successfully complete high school.

The program consists of weekly meetings where youth have an opportunity to explore careers in firefighting or other chosen professions and opportunities to develop life skills, exercise self-discipline, improve academic performance and increase community service. Positive role models from the Vallejo Fire Department, and mentors from the community attend each meeting.

The Robin Mackbee Firefighter Academy provides a perfect opportunity for the community to engage youth in a positive learning environment. The program has my unqualified support.

If you have any questions please do not hesitated to contact me.

Sincerely,



Osby Davis,  
Mayor

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To whom it may concern;

It is with great pride that Medic Ambulance Service has partnered with Solutions For At Risk Youth (SFARY) to introduce the Robbin Mackbee Firefighter and EMS Youth Academy in Vallejo. Medic Ambulance has been vested in the Vallejo Community since we incorporated in 1979. We are honored to help provide education and mentorship directly to local high schoolers through this Academy.

The Robbin Mackbee Firefighter and EMS Youth Academy provides career exposure to firefighting and EMS to a diverse mix of students that are under-represented in EMS. The Academy couples role models, structure, and empowerment to inspire youth to graduate from high school and pursue higher education. All the skills the Cadet's learn instill utility and a mindset of success. The firefighting skills, first-aid, CPR, and earthquake preparedness provides these students with the ability to save the life of a loved one or help their community during a time of need. When the Cadets receive this individualized training it is like a chain reaction triggering their minds to learn how to work through and overcome the other obstacles affecting their high school careers. The Cadets are also taught life skills to address many of the social obstacles that impair their educational success. All Cadets through the Academy have either successfully graduated from high school or are on track to graduate.

The Robbin Mackbee Firefighter and EMS Youth Academy provides a life changing opportunity that engages our local at-risk youth. The program will have our continued financial and in-kind support.

Thank you for your support,

James Pierson  
Vice President / COO  
Medic Ambulance Service



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## VALLEJO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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June 29, 2015

It is with great pride that I announce the introduction of the Vallejo Fire Department - Robin Mackbee - Firefighter Youth Academy. The Vallejo Fire Department is pleased to partner with Solutions For At Risk Youth (SFARY), the managing 501(c)(3) organization, and the Vallejo Unified School District to offer this program to the youth of Vallejo.

The Robin Mackbee Firefighter Youth Academy is a youth development and mentoring program that offers life guidance and exploration into the fire service. The program is designed to assist high school-aged youth who are at risk of academic, social and/or economic failure. The fundamental principles of the program are academic achievement, community service and self-discipline. Firefighters and other positive role models from the community, spend time mentoring, coaching and inspiring youth to improve their position in life. There is no cost to participants of this program. Our initial plan is to offer a six week pilot program in October 2015 to introduce the program to youth that attend Vallejo High School and Jesse Bethel High School. We have plans to operate the full nine month program next year.

This collaborative community outreach program is named after Firefighter Robin Mackbee, who was killed in the line of duty on July 28, 1980, serving the Vallejo community. We know that Firefighter Mackbee spent numerous hours mentoring and tutoring youth at the Continental of Omega Boys Club. We are delighted to join with SFARY, the V.U.S.D. and Robin's family to memorialize his sacrifice in such an appropriate and meaningful way.

The Robin Mackbee Firefighter Youth Academy requires human and financial resources. Any contribution of time, goods and services, or funding to support the project would be greatly appreciated and can be made directly to the Vallejo Fire Department Administration or Solutions For At Risk Youth (SFARY).

Thank you for your interest and your support.

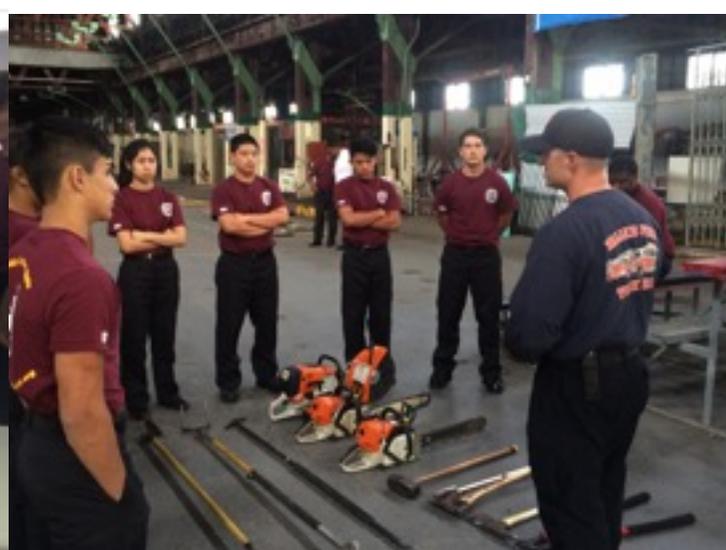
Sincerely,

JACK McARTHUR  
Fire Chief





**Firefighters spend time sharing their career while coaching, motivating and inspiring youth to set and achieve personal goals.**





**Cadets learn about Emergency Medical Services and the tools that Medic Ambulance uses everyday to save lives.**



**Cadets get hands on exposure to the "Jaws of Life"**



Dear Vallejo Merchants and friends;

This letter serves to introduce the Robbin Mackbee Firefighter Youth Academy, a youth development and mentoring program that provides life guidance and career exploration for Vallejo youth who are at risk of social, academic and/or economic failure. The program is a partnership between Solutions For At-Risk Youth (SFARY), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the City of Vallejo Fire Department and the Vallejo City Unified School District. The fundamental principles of the Robbin Mackbee Firefighter Youth Academy are **academic achievement**, **community service** and **self-discipline**. This program was named in honor of Robbin Mackbee, one of Vallejo Fire Department's fallen heroes who was killed in the line of duty.

Program participants are recruited from Jesse Bethel, John Finney and Vallejo High Schools and, like most youth, are intrigued by the activities of firefighters. Firefighters, and other positive role models, will coach, mentor and inspire youth to graduate from high school and pursue higher education. Resources and opportunities will be provided to teach youth about firefighting, first-aid, CPR and earthquake preparedness. All of the participants are given information and support to help them become proud, civic-minded, contributors to their community.

In addition, cadets also develop life skills to address many of the social obstacles and impediments to their success. Program outcomes have been very encouraging and have yielded measurable results with multiple community benefits. Program participants increased their grade point average while decreasing their school absenteeism and discipline referrals. Improved behavior at home was reported by parents and primary caregivers. More than 85% of the cadets continued their education beyond high school and some graduates of the program have continued on to become successful, professional firefighters.

We are grateful for the opportunity to bring this public safety and community outreach program to the residents of Vallejo. Your support of goods, services, funding and/or time is greatly appreciated.



Yours in service,

Battalion Chief Byron R. Berhel (retired)  
Founder and C.E.O.



## Self-Discipline



**It is very important for youth to have the correct information when making important life decisions.**



# VALLEJO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ramona E. Bishop, Ed.D. • Superintendent

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To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure that the Vallejo Unified School District will partner with the Vallejo Fire Department and Solutions For At Risk Youth (SFARY) to introduce the Robbin Mackbee Firefighter Youth Academy. The Vallejo Unified School District seeks practical collaborations that will help to prepare our students with learning opportunities that will enhance their academic experience and prepare them for viable careers upon graduation from high school. We are very excited about our involvement and look forward to having a positive impact on the students that participate in this program.

The Robbin Mackbee Firefighter Youth Academy is a youth development and mentoring program that offers life guidance and exploration into the fire service/public safety industry. The program is more than a career exploration program, it is designed to assist youth achieve their goals. The fundamental principles of the program are academic achievement, community service and self-discipline. Firefighters and other positive role models from the community, spend time mentoring, coaching and inspiring youth to improve their position in life. We have completed a 6 week pilot program in October to introduce the program to youth at Vallejo High School and Jesse Bethel High School. We are very pleased that we will be offering the full 9 month program beginning in March of 2016.

This collaborative community outreach program is named after Firefighter Robbin Mackbee who was a product of the Vallejo Unified School District graduating from Vallejo High School. We know that Robbie spent numerous hours mentoring and tutoring youth at the Omega Boys and Girls Club. Robbie was a dedicated firefighter who gave his life on July 28, 1980 in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Vallejo. We are delighted to join the Vallejo Fire Department, Solutions For At Risk Youth and Robbin's family to memorialize his sacrifice in such an appropriate and meaningful way.

The Robbin Mackbee Firefighter Youth Academy requires significant human and financial resources. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated and can be made directly to the Vallejo Fire Department Administration or Solutions For At Risk Youth (SFARY), the managing 501 c 3 non-profit organization.

Thank you for your support,

Ramona Bishop, Ed.D.

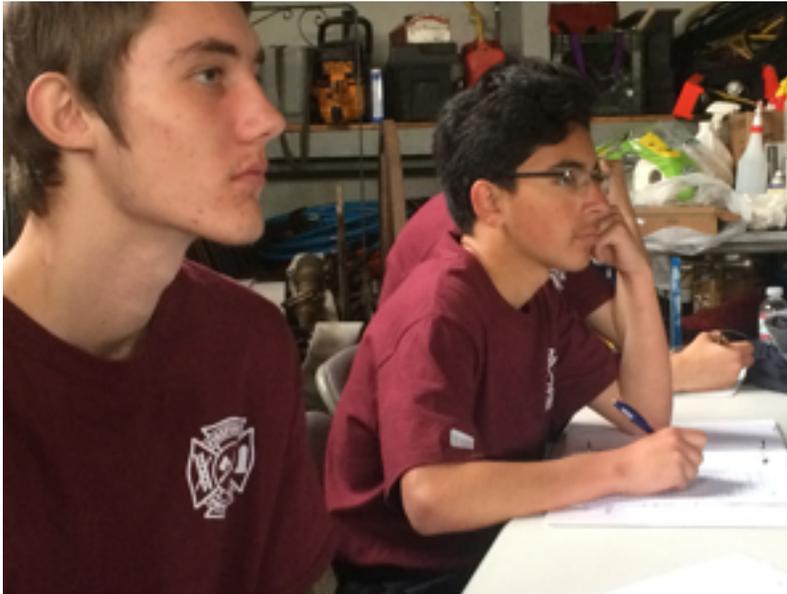
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**SFARY Board member Dr. Aleisha Dobbin speaks to youth about making good life choices**

**Mayor Osby Davis addresses cadets at a Saturday morning session**

## **Academic Achievement and Civic Engagement**

**Each cadet is expected to improve their academic performance.**



**We emphasize the importance of education as it relates to achieving personal goals**

**Cadets support the Jesse Bethel High School ROTC Color Guard  
Last year the citizens of Vallejo made their choice loud and clear with great support for the Firefighter Youth Academy through the Vallejo Participatory Budget Process**





**Teamwork and co-operation is practiced everyday.**

**JUSTIN LANE, Project Manager (far left), and nephew of Robbin Mackbee, along with the SFARY Team accepting the Ford Freedom Award**



## Robbin Mackbee

We are proud to name this program in honor of Robbin Mackbee. He was a dedicated firefighter who served the citizens of Vallejo with distinction and valor. Robbie spent numerous off-duty hours tutoring and mentoring youth at the Omega Boys and Girls Club.

Firefighter Robbie Mackbee made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the city of Vallejo on July 28, 1980 when he lost his life in the line of duty.

Please join the Vallejo Fire Department, The Vallejo City Unified School District and Solutions For At Risk Youth, along with his family to celebrate his contribution as his legacy lives on through the Robbin Mackbee Firefighter Youth Academy.



**For more information visit  
[www.FirefighterYouthAcademy.org](http://www.FirefighterYouthAcademy.org)**

**The continued success of this program  
requires community support.**

**If you have employees that would like to  
serve as a volunteer mentor**

**or**

**If you are able to provide goods,  
services or financial support, please  
contact**

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