

Easton Volunteer Fire Company along with 60 volunteer fire departments throughout the state will celebrate the start of National Volunteer Week, April 23-29, by holding open houses on Sunday, April 23.

The Easton Volunteer Fire Company will open the doors to its firehouse at 1 Center Road in Easton from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors to the fire house will be able to talk with volunteer firefighters about the work they do, explore fire apparatus and turnout gear, get a tour of the fire house, and fill out an application.

For more information, visit the fire company on [Facebook at EastonVFD](#).

More than 80% of all fire personnel in Connecticut are volunteers, and the majority of fire departments throughout the state are experiencing a volunteer shortage. Local fire departments need volunteers of all skill levels and abilities, people willing and able to respond to emergencies whenever called upon.

Volunteer Firefighter Day is part of [Everyday Hero CT](#), a program dedicated to increasing the number of volunteer firefighters throughout the state. A partnership of the [Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association](#) and the [International Association of Fire Chiefs](#), the Everyday Hero CT campaign is a two-year Volunteer Workforce Solutions initiative designed to address the shortage of volunteer firefighters in Connecticut.

It is helping achieve a viable and sustainable volunteer firefighter workforce for fire departments throughout Connecticut. Everyday Hero CT is funded by a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant awarded to the fire chiefs association by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop a model to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.