



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**2013 National Volunteer Week**

*Local Volunteer Fire Departments are Encouraged to Celebrate the Power of Volunteerism during National Volunteer Week*

**Middletown, CT, April 19, 2013** – The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection’s Commission on Fire Prevention and Control joined the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association today to celebrate National Volunteer Week, a time dedicated to demonstrate that by working together, we have the fortitude to meet a communities many challenges and serve our neighbors.

National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, is about taking action and encouraging individuals to consider serving their community as well as thank and recognize those already volunteering as firefighters and Emergency Medical Service providers. Serving your community as a volunteer firefighter or EMT is one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have. Not only will you learn valuable skills, but you will also have a positive impact on the lives of those around you.

Individuals interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer firefighter are encouraged to visit <http://everydayheroct.org/>, the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association statewide Volunteer Recruitment website.

*Sponsored by Points of Light—National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each subsequent year, with literally thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. With the fourth year anniversary of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, the creation of the Volunteer Generation Fund and the resonant call to serve from the President, this year will be even more energizing and inspiring.*

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