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Visit Your Local Fire Station During Fire Prevention Week

Cromwell, Conn. – The Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA), in partnership with the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), encourages residents to stop by their local fire department during Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10. Meet your local firefighters, learn first-hand what services your fire department provides, and explore how you can help serve your community. Volunteer fire departments are always looking for volunteers to join the team.

Being a volunteer firefighter is a rewarding experience and one of the best ways you can make a difference in the community. The skills and experience gained as a volunteer firefighter are invaluable and have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of others. Local fire departments need volunteers of all skill levels and abilities who are willing and able to respond to emergencies when duty calls.

Bring the entire family when you visit as there will be plenty of fire prevention education at many fire stations throughout Connecticut in honor of Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign is *Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!* Since its inception in 1922, Fire Prevention Week strives to find ways to educate the public about fire prevention, while also commemorating the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

More information about Fire Prevention Week can be found at http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week. To learn more about becoming a firefighter and joining a local volunteer fire department, please visit www.EverydayHeroCT.org.

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About the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. (CFCA)

Organized in 1902 the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association consists of approximately 700 fire service professionals both career and volunteer from across the state of Connecticut. The mission of the organization is to promote the position of Chief Fire Officers in Connecticut as the leaders of the fire service through continuing education, unity in the fire service, safety and professionalism as a fire officer. The association is involved in legislative issues, training, regulatory and many other facets of the fire service. More information about the CFCA is located at ConnecticutFireChiefs.com.

About the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

The IAFC represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide. IAFC members are the world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous response, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public safety legislation. Since 1873, the IAFC has provided a forum for its members to exchange ideas, develop professionally and uncover the latest products and services available to first responders. Learn more