Darien's Fire Depts Open Doors to Kids and Potential Volunteers

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All three Darien volunteer fire departments participated in a statewide day for open houses on Saturday in order to attract volunteers. Kids were also welcome.

Not a large number came to the events, held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a cool, drizzly day when many had beat it out of town for the April school break. Darien Fire Department, with passers-by spotting the open house downtown, had a location advantage over the other two departments and attracted about 100 visitors.

There were perhaps a dozen families at the Noroton Fire Department and "a handful" at the Noroton Heights Fire Department, organizers said.

The kids who came loved it, and adults had a chance to learn about what volunteers did, whether or not the

visitors had the idea of joining up themselves. Darien's departments, although they each have dozens of active members, are always looking for volunteers and can always use them.