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FireFighters Arrive in Houston Tomorrow from Cross Country Trek in Honor of Two Fallen Houston Firefighters

Nearly 35 firefighters from as far away as Naples, Florida, Boston, Massachusetts and San Francisco, California are participating in the fourth annual Brotherhood ride, and rode in memory of fallen Houston Firefighters, Captain Jim Harlow and Firefighter Damion Hobbs.

Both men died last Easter Sunday morning while battling a house fire in which it was reported that people were trapped. Captain Harlow was a 30 year veteran of the Houston Fire Department. Firefighter Hobbs was making his very first fire.

The fourth annual Brotherhood Ride began April 1st in Tallahassee, Florida. The riders pedal across the Southeastern, United States in ten days and over 850 miles. Four riders from Houston are participating in the ride including Rescue Chief Robert Branch, Engineer/Operator Mike Cruz, Senior Captain Eddie Havlice and Firefighter Mike Flanagan.

HFD units will meet the riders as they enter the City at I-45 and Ritchie about 1:30 p.m. and escort them to Station 26, located at 7111 Dixie Drive, where the ride will culminate. Their projected arrival time at station 26 is 2 p.m.

For more information on the ride, click on brotherhoodride.com

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