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Fire Station 26 Memorial to be Dedicated, Today

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department will be hosting a dedication ceremony for a memorial at Fire Station 26, honoring Captain James Harlow and Firefighter Damion Hobbs who died in the Line of Duty on Easter 2009.

WHEN: Today, September 29, 2010 at 1p.m.

WHERE: Fire Station 26, 7111 Dixie

DETAILS: Fire Chief Terry Garrison, Director of the Parks & Recreation Department Joe Turner and members from Fire Station 26 will give special remarks during the dedication of a special memorial and memorial garden at Fire Station 26.

Construction for this memorial began in February of 2010. It is one of several individual /station memorials around the city that honors firefighters who have died in the Line of Duty.

Just after midnight on Easter Morning, April 12, 2009, a call came in for a house fire. Captain James Harlow and Firefighter Damion Hobbs of Engine 26, along with other firefighters made an aggressive attack, believing that there were two citizens still in the home that needed to be rescued. They were unaware the citizens had safely made it out of the house. These two men, two heroes, gave their lives in an effort to save two citizens of Houston.

Station 26 also suffered another Line of Duty Death in 1947 in which James Lowth was killed when Engine 26 was hit by a train on the way to a fire at the Eastern States Refinery.

This garden now provides a tranquil place of reflection where the memories of loved ones, friends and colleagues live on.

Engine 26 will also be dedicated to Captain Harlow and Firefighter Hobbs during this ceremony.

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