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## **Statement of Jeffrey Caynon, President of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association (HPFFA)**

April 13, 2009 – *The following statement was issued today by Jeffrey Caynon, president of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association (HPFFA):*

“The nearly 4,000 members of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, along with the Houston Fire Department, mourn the loss of Captain James Harlow and Firefighter Damion Hobbs, who perished yesterday while fighting a house fire in southeast Houston.

“We honor the ultimate sacrifices made by Captain Harlow, 50, who joined the department in August 1979 and has been a captain at Station 26 since 2004, and Firefighter Hobbs, who graduated from the HFD Val Jahnke Training Facility on March 3, 2009 and began working at Station 26 four days later.

“Teams from the HPFFA, the City of Houston and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) are supporting and working with the Harlow and Hobbs families and all affected firefighters during this difficult time.

“Please keep the Harlow and Hobbs families, as well as the men and women of Station 26 and the city’s fire department, in your thoughts and prayers.

“The Last Alarm Club of Houston, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1977 to help families of Houston fire fighters killed or seriously injured in the line of duty, will be assisting the Harlow and Hobbs families. Contributions are welcome. More information is available at [www.lastalarmclub.org](http://www.lastalarmclub.org) or by calling 713.223.9166.”

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