



International Union of Police Associations

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Statement of Sam A. Cabral, President of the International Union of Police Associations, on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Today is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day throughout this great nation. It is a day that Americans give thanks to the brave men and women who protect their communities. It is well deserved.

In 2022, 229 Law Enforcement Officers died in the line of duty – 60 by gunfire.

Total Line of Duty Deaths: 229

- 9/11 related illness 4
- Accidental 1
- Aircraft accident 6
- Animal related 2
- Automobile crash 32
- COVID19 73
- Duty related illness 7
- Fire 1
- Gunfire 60
- Gunfire (Inadvertent) 4
- Heart attack 11
- Heatstroke 2
- Motorcycle crash 3
- Struck by vehicle 4
- Training accident 1
- Vehicle pursuit 4
- Vehicular assault 14

There were 323 officers shot, 124 in ambush attacks.

As of August of 2022, many law enforcement suicides are now recognized as line of duty deaths so the numbers, unfortunately, will continue to increase.

Obviously, any number of line-of-duty deaths are too many. We, at the International Union of Police Associations, recognize daily the sacrifices that are made and, as importantly, the sacrifices that our law enforcement officers face every day when they gear up and go into the night.

We also recognize the terrible losses these deaths inflict on others. Each of these heroes had a family – spouse, children, mothers, fathers, brother and sisters, partners; all of whom will carry the hurt into their futures. We pray that their memories, the closeness of their families and friends, the passage of time and the grace of God will eventually ease their pain.

We will continue to support our members in their missions and advocate for additional funding, training, equipment, and political support that might help in lowering these tragic numbers.

God bless you, one and all.

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NOTE:

*Originally chartered in 1979, the **International Union of Police Associations** is the only chartered labor union that exclusively represents law enforcement personnel. The I.U.P.A. represents active-duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals and emergency medical personnel nationwide – including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The I.U.P.A.'s mission is to protect and advance officers' wages, benefits, and work conditions. Membership includes officers from agencies throughout the United States, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.*

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