



International Union of Police Associations

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Statement of President Sam A. Cabral Regarding 9/12

We have remembered and honored those lost on 9/11. I pray we also never forget 9/12 and the months that followed.

American's political differences still existed and were recognized, but not offered as a reason for hate and violence. Americans of all backgrounds, ethnicities, financial status, and geographical locations waited in line to give blood, buy flags, and offer to help in any way they could.

People rushed to join the military and police and fire services. Flags flew from pickup trucks and front porches across this great nation.

For a time, way too short, we were, indeed The UNITED States of America.

I am fearful of being naïve, as I pray it doesn't require another historic tragedy to return to those times.

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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, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.*

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