



# International Union of Police Associations

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## **Statement of President Sam A. Cabral on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**

January 9 is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. For your Executive Committee at the I.U.P.A., every day is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. All of the I.U.P.A. leadership has carried a badge, most of us in times far less challenging than what today's officers face.

We realize, too well, the staffing shortages, the media's skewed portrayal of your actions, and the progressive political climate that seems to excuse lawless behavior and condemn the actions necessary to combat it.

The price you pay for these conditions is noted in increased retirements, recruiting shortages, forced overtime, and an increase in officer suicides.

The silent majority of this great nation praise and value how each of you willingly suit up, kiss your families goodbye, and go off to protect your communities from harm.

We salute and honor each of you. We pledge to work tirelessly to improve these circumstances, your working conditions, and your rights as you walk these dangerous paths.

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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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