



# International Union of Police Associations

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## **Statement of President Cabral Recognizing the Bravery of Police Officer Michael Skinner**

The International Union of Police Associations proudly recognizes the bravery of Police Officer Michael Skinner who saved a boater in distress in May.

I.U.P.A. President Sam A. Cabral presented Police Officer Michael Skinner with a letter, a certificate, and a plaque which described his valiant lifesaving actions, "On May 3, 2024, you responded to a distress call regarding an unmanned vessel circling in the water near Channel Marker 72. Upon arrival, you observed an unconscious man on the deck of the boat and that the boat was spinning out of control."

It continued, "You expertly intercepted the boat, wedging it against the seawall with your boat, climbing onboard, and shutting down the engine. Sarasota County Fire Rescue was on standby at the seawall and because of your actions, they were able to provide medical aid that saved his life."

In his letter, President Cabral stated, "On behalf of the whole of the I.U.P.A., you have our thanks and commendation for your exemplary service. You are a true hero and a reminder of why officers put on their uniforms each and every day."

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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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