



# International Union of Police Associations

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## Statement of I.U.P.A. President Sam A. Cabral – 9/11

### **We will never forget:**

At 8:46 AM on 9/11/2001, at 8:46 AM, a Tuesday morning, a hijacked aircraft, piloted by Islamic terrorists crashed into the World Trade Center beginning the deadliest terrorist attack in the history of this great nation. By days end, another hijacked commercial aircraft had hit the second tower as another was thwarted by courageous passengers enroute to our Nation's Capital. A fourth plane was flown into the Pentagon.

### **We will never forget:**

Nearly 3,000 Americans lost their lives that day including 343 Firefighters and 72 Law Enforcement Officers. Since then, hundreds more first responders have died due to medical complications arising from their exposure to toxic chemicals at Ground Zero. Each year that number of lost lives continues to grow.

### **We will never forget:**

These brave men and women willingly rushed into collapsing buildings to save lives, sacrificing theirs in these selfless efforts.

Today we honor and give thanks to those brave men and women and their survivors. We recognize their sacrifice and willingness to run into danger to fulfill their oath and save those they have sworn to protect; and we make a solemn vow, that on this day and every day – **we will never forget.**

### **We will never forget:**

On September 12, this country was absolutely united. Flags flew on businesses, homes, and vehicles. Our political parties, genders, color, or social difference made no difference. We

were proud Americans. While I pray we never experience another 9/11, I also pray that we can return to a really **United States of America**.

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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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