



International Union of Police Associations

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Statement of Sam A. Cabral, President of the International Union of Police Associations

Today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Every day is that for me. The International Union of Police Associations represent rank and file Law Enforcement personnel across this great nation, including the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. Every member of our Board of Directors and management team are either active-duty or former Law Enforcement Officers.

We realize that each and every day, when Americans are facing tragic events beyond their control, they dial 911 and we send them our members who nearly always deal with the situation successfully. When they misstep, they are vilified, disciplined, and sometimes prosecuted for their efforts. And yet, they suit up, leave their families, and go off into the darkness to continue to answer the calls for help.

Some don't return home. Some do, but with memories that haunt them. Too many take their own lives to escape these images.

Today is the day we formally recognize their sacrifices and contributions to our communities, our states, and to our nation. They are all that stands between the peaceful citizens and anarchy.

So today, and every day, take a moment to wave, or to thank your local officers for the jobs they do. It is the least you can do and means a lot to these brave men and women.

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*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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