



International Union of Police Associations

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

“September is a month of reflection—for us as a union, and as a nation.”

It reminds us of tragedy, and it reminds us of the gift of labor unions.

On September 11, 2001, our nation endured one of the darkest days in history. Yet from that tragedy came unity. People of every background and belief stood together. Flags flew, divisions disappeared, and Americans honored the first responders who ran toward danger, many giving their lives to save strangers. That spirit of unity showed us the strength that comes when we stand together.

Unions bring that same strength to law enforcement officers. Alone, one officer’s voice may be ignored. Together, a union transforms individual concerns into powerful demands—on pay, benefits, staffing, and safety. We don’t just negotiate with management; we ensure officers’ voices are heard at city hall, in state legislatures, and in Congress.

A union guarantees fairness, protects against favoritism, and makes it safe for every officer to speak up without fear of retaliation. Just as our nation was stronger united after 9/11, officers are stronger united through their union.

The International Union of Police Associations provides that united voice for officers across this great nation.

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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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