



International Union of Police Associations

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Statement of Sam A. Cabral, President of the International Union of Police Associations Regarding the 25th Anniversary of 9/11

On this 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, we pause to remember the nearly 3,000 innocent lives taken in the most devastating terrorist attack on American soil.

We especially honor the police officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and other public safety professionals who ran toward danger while others were fleeing. Hundreds made the ultimate sacrifice that day, giving their lives in an effort to save strangers they had never met.

The loss did not end when the fires were extinguished. In the years since, many more first responders and recovery workers have died from cancers, respiratory illnesses, and other diseases caused by their exposure to the toxic conditions at Ground Zero and the surrounding recovery sites.

We also remember September 12, and the days and weeks that followed. In the midst of unimaginable grief, America stood united. Flags flew proudly from homes, businesses, overpasses, and front porches across the country. Neighbors looked after neighbors. We were not divided by politics, geography, or differences of opinion. We were Americans first.

Twenty-five years later, perhaps one of the most important ways we can honor those we lost is to remember not only the unity we felt on September 12, but the country we became in the days that followed.

We remember the fallen, honor those who answered the call, and renew our promise that their courage, service, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

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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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