



I.U.P.A. LOCAL 6020

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS
BROWARD DEPUTY SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
THE VOICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

NEWS UPDATE

July 25th, 2022

PERC Election: The PERC Election is still underway. Ballots have been mailed to deputies and sergeants home address. It is imperative to vote for the International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.) and mail it back in. If you have not received a ballot contact PERC at 850-488-8641.

Chris Krickovich NOT GUILTY: The jury has reached a verdict of not guilty for Chris Krickovich's trial. I.U.P.A. Legal Defense Fund Attorney Jeremy Kroll worked tirelessly to defend Chris Krickovich against these charges. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 would like to thank Attorney Jeremy Kroll and everyone who showed up at Chris Krickovich's trial to support him. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 will be covering Chris Krickovich's arbitration which is the next step for him getting his job back. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 stands by the notion this case was politically driven and that charges against Chris Krickovich, Greg LaCerra, and Ralph Mackey should have never been filed. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 stands against all the politicians, celebrities, and even those at the Broward Police Benevolent Association who violated Chris Krickovich, Greg LaCerra, and Ralph Mackey's right to due process.

Deputy Involved Shooting: On Saturday, July 23, BSO North Lauderdale deputies responded to a domestic disturbance. The suspect in the incident fired a shot which grazed one of the deputies on the side of his head. The injured deputy was released from the hospital and is in stable condition. IUPA Legal Defense Fund Attorney Mike Finesilver, Secretary-Treasurer Greg LaCerra, and Executive Board Member Mark Delio responded and provided representation.

Florida Retirement System (FRS): The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 with the support of International President Sam Cabral and the I.U.P.A. Legislative Department has proactively reached out to the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the President of the Florida State Senate, and Governor DeSantis regarding FRS. In 2011, the amount of time a law enforcement officer had to work before being able to collect their pension benefit was increased from 25 years to 30 years. I.U.P.A. is seeking to work with elected officials to have the credible service requirement reduced back to 25 years with a cost of living adjustment. I.U.P.A. has highlighted to the elected

officials it has reached out to high amount of line of duty deaths and suicides among law enforcement, the life expectancy of a law enforcement officer after retirement, and mental health challenges that affect a number of law enforcement officers as reasons for the change to FRS. Attached to this email are the letters from International President Sam Cabral and I.U.P.A. Local 6020 President Matt Cowart.

Endorsements: Florida House of Representatives member Chip LaMarca was recently interviewed by the I.U.P.A. Local 6020. Attached to this email is a synopsis of his answers during the interview. A SurveyMonkey link has been sent to everyone's personal email to vote as to whether the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 will endorse Chip LaMarca. The link to vote will be open until Friday, July 29, at 3:00 PM.

IUPA Backs Public Safety Enhancement Act: International President Sam Cabral has officially endorsed and offered support to Texas Congressman Troy Nehls H.R. 6132, Public Safety Enhancement Act of 2021 (PSE). The Public Safety Enhancement Act of 2021 (PSE) would provide grant funding to hire an additional 100,000 police officers within the next 5 years. The endorsement letter can be viewed at the following link [President-Cabrals-Letter-to-Congressman-Nehls-07.20.22.pdf \(iupa.org\)](#)

Sincerely,

I.U.P.A. Local 6020 Executive Committee