



I.U.P.A. LOCAL 6020

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

NEWS UPDATE

August 16th, 2022

Miami-Dade Police: A Miami-Dade Police Officer was shot last night. Please keep the Miami-Dade Police Department, the involved officer, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

I.U.P.A. and Command Meeting: The I.U.P.A. Local 6020, met with Sheriff Tony and members of his command staff on Thursday, August 11. Both sides expressed a desire to work together on a variety of topics to include approaching the Broward County Commission as a unified group when requesting additional money for a raise rather than on a divided front at impasse and a united lobbying effort to have the Florida Retirement System returned to just requiring first responders to work 25 years of service with a cost of living adjustment.

Florida Retirement System Proposed Legislative Update: The I.U.P.A. Local 6020, our parent union- the International Union of Police Associations, and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) have united our efforts to have the Florida Retirement System returned to just requiring first responders work 25 years of credible service to receive their pension with a cost of living adjustment. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 has been in contact with multiple legislators and will keep the membership updated as this progresses. Following the meeting with Sheriff Tony and command staff, the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 will also be partnering with BSO's Government Affairs Department who can assist in advocating for this change. President Cabral's letter to the IAFF Statewide President can be viewed at [President-Cabral's-Letter-to-President-Bernoska-08.04.22.pdf \(iupa.org\)](#)

Deputy Relief Fund: The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 has a Deputy Relief Fund established to assist members who have a severe financial hardship. The Deputy Relief Fund has existed for years and has provided financial assistance to I.U.P.A. Local 6020 members including those who were unjustly terminated as the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 represents the member. The Deputy Relief Fund is funded by voluntary contributions. The more people who contribute to the fund the stronger the fund is. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 has approximately 1200 members and requests each member donate \$5 per pay check. [For those currently contributing a new Deputy Relief Fund Account](#)

was set up and you must update the account and routing number. Below are instructions on how to donate to the fund.

Direct Deposits can be set-up through MYBSO using the directions & account info below. Log into MYBSO, click Payroll and Compensation, click Direct Deposit, and click Add Account. Then enter the account info below and the amount you wish to donate.

Routing #: 263191387

Account #: 1100020441788

Account Type: Checking

Please contact I.U.P.A. Local 6020 President Matt Cowart at 954-303-4265 if you need assistance setting up a contribution.

Enough is Enough: I.U.P.A. Local 6020 Secretary-Treasurer Greg LaCerra did an interview with NBC Miami and spoke out about the horrendous attacks on their due process. Charges should've never been filed by the Broward State Attorney's Office. From the beginning Attorney Ben Crump strong armed and hijacked due process in this case by accusing the Broward State Attorney's Office of racism because he disagreed with the charges filed. Attorney Sue-Ann Robinson after a not guilty verdict in this case accused the courts and the jury of being racists. Attorneys like every profession have rules to follow and Ben Crump and Sue-Ann Robinson violated their Oath of Admission to the Florida Bar. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 demands accountability and has filed bar complaints with the Florida Bar. The Florida Bar must hold Ben Crump and Sue-Ann Robinson accountable! The attacks on law enforcement and our system of justice by these rogue attorneys NEEDS TO STOP! View the interview at [BSO Deputy in Tamarac Rough Arrest Speaks Out – NBC 6 South Florida \(nbcmiami.com\)](#)

Ron Thurston Arbitration: I.U.P.A. Local 6020 Member Ron Thurston's arbitration has been set for Wednesday, August 24. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 will keep the membership informed as the arbitration progresses. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 has an attorney representing Ron Thurston and is optimistic Ron Thurston will emerge victorious.

Endorsement Survey: Attached is a synopsis of questions that Donna Korn who is running for an at large Broward School Board seat and Lisa Mallozzi who is running for Cooper City Commissioner District 2 answered. Members will be receiving an email from matt@6020.iupa.org via SurveyMonkey member@surveymonkeyuser.com to vote. If you do not receive a link contact matt@6020.iupa.org. The voting will close Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 3:00 PM.

Legislative Efforts: The parent union, the International Union of Police Associations, is also advocating for legislation beneficial to law enforcement. Below are some recent letters drafted by International President Cabral to elected officials across the country.

***The Social Security Fairness Bill** repeals provisions that reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who receive other benefits, such as a pension from a state or local government. President Cabral has written to United States Congress Members Kevin McCarthy and Nancy Pelosi urging them to allow the bill to be brought before Congress.

[President-Cabral-Letter-to-Speaker-Pelosi-and-Leader-McCarthy-08.08.22.pdf \(iupa.org\)](#)

***Senate Resolution 732** states the Senate will recognize there is an ongoing and growing crisis at the southern border of the United States, commends Border Patrol agents who were deployed to the southern border, and that the Department of Homeland Security should commend rather than punish Border Patrol Agents who responded to the crisis. International President Cabral has written to Senator Ted Cruz commending him for introducing the resolution.

[President-Cabral-Letter-to-Senator-Cruz-08.08.22.pdf \(iupa.org\)](#)

The Heroes Lesley Zerebny and Gil Vega First Responders Survivors Support Act increases survivor benefits for the Public Safety Office Benefits Program. International President Cabral has submitted letters to Congressman's Jim Jordan and Jerrold Nadler to pass the proposed act.

[PSOB-Enhancement-Letter-from-President-Cabral-to-House-Judiciary-07.26.22.pdf \(iupa.org\)](#)

The **Invest to Protect Act** provides money to departments with 200 offices or less. Invest to Protect funds may be used on mental health resources for first responders and additional training. International President Cabral has United States Senator Catherine Cortez Masto endorsing the bill and offering the assistance of I.U.P.A. to get the legislation passed.

[President-Cabral-Letter-to-Senator-Cortez-Masto-08.01.22.pdf \(iupa.org\)](#)

Sincerely,

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