



I.U.P.A. LOCAL 6020

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

NEWS UPDATE

September 22nd, 2022

Membership Meetings: The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 will be hosting membership meetings on Tuesday, October 4, at 3:00 PM, and Thursday, October 6, at 3:00 PM, at 900 South State Road 7, Plantation, for dues paying members to attend. A meeting agenda is attached to this email.

Florida Retirement System Legislative Update: The I.U.P.A. Local 6020, our parent union- the International Union of Police Associations, are continuing to advocate for the Florida Retirement System to be reversed back to only requiring first responders to work 25 years of credible service in order to be eligible to receive their pension. I.U.P.A. Local 6020 President Matt Cowart, I.U.P.A. Legislative Director Dennis Slocumb, the IAFF, and BSO's Governmental Affairs Director have had multiple meetings in the past few weeks with members of the Florida House of Representatives to discuss the proposed legislation and have more upcoming. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 would also like to inform the membership the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) has also officially made this FRS change one of their top four priorities heading into next year's legislative session.

Pembroke Park- Politics Over Public Safety: On September 14th, 2022, the Town of Pembroke Park led by Mayor Geoffrey Jacobs moved to not renew their contract with BSO which expires September 30th, 2022. Mayor Jacobs is working on having a Town of Pembroke Park Police Department established, however, at the September 14th Commission Meeting, the Town Attorney told Mayor Jacobs to renew to the contract with BSO as the new police department will not be open until at least February 2023. The new Town of Pembroke Park Police Chief David Howard also stated the new police department will not be ready by September 30th, and stated there will be a gap in coverage. Despite these warnings from the Police Chief and the Town of Pembroke Park Attorney, Mayor Jacobs still moved to not renew the contract. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 will never tolerate or stay silent while a politician defunds the police, downsizes police services, places the community at risk, removes jobs from our members, and falsely accuses our members of neglect of duty. The full statement on the Pembroke Park issues can be viewed here [Statement-on-Pembroke-Park.pdf \(iupa.org\)](#)

WSVN Article on the Pembroke Park Situation: [BSO to stop serving Pembroke Park as town begins steps to mobilize its own police force for 2023 – WSVN 7News | Miami News, Weather, Sports | Fort Lauderdale](#)

Recent Acquittals: I.U.P.A. Local 6020 Secretary-Treasurer Greg LaCerra recently did an interview with NBC Miami where he discussed politics driving cases being filed by the State Attorney's Office against police officers. The article can be viewed here: [Dozens of South Florida Officers Charged in Past 5 Years Following Use of Force Allegations – NBC 6 South Florida \(nbcmiami.com\)](#)

Membership Benefits: The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 would like to inform the members that the union will be providing one group sergeants assessment course to members who pass the written exam.

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.

Sincerely,

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