



# I.U.P.A. LOCAL 6020

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS  
BROWARD DEPUTY SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION  
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## NEWS UPDATE

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**BSO Command and I.U.P.A. Local 6020:** The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 and BSO command staff previously met last month to discuss the 97-page *Law Enforcement Occupational Research Report*. BSO upper command is having a staff meeting next week and will provide the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 official feedback on the report and dialogue can be had about the two sides working together toward implementing change beneficial to BSO and the members of the I.U.P.A. Local 6020.

**February Legislative Report:** The I.U.P.A. Local 6020's February Legislative Report is available to review. The report discusses bills currently supported and being tracked by the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 as well as advocacy being done to urge the legislature make improvements particularly to the Florida Retirement System. I.U.P.A. Local 6020 President Matt Cowart has conducted 99 meetings to date with Florida State Senators, State Representatives, and Legislative Aides as well as being the only union president from any local law enforcement-based union to speak before the Broward Delegation to advocate for the changes we all wish to see to the Florida Retirement System. Governor Ron DeSantis also released his proposed budget which seeks to add a one-time cost of living adjustment for retired employees and increasing the employer contribution for those employees in the Florida Retirement System Investment Plan. The report can be read at the following link [Legislative-Report-February-2023.pdf \(iupa.org\)](#)

**Florida Retirement System Bill Update:** The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 has been advocating for the Florida Retirement System to return the retirement age for Special Risk Members from 60 back to age 55 and for the years of credible service to be eligible for retirement to return back to 25 years. House Bill 239 and Senate Bill 224 continues to gather momentum and is up to 26 combined sponsors and co-sponsors in the Florida House and 8 combined sponsors and co-sponsors in the Florida Senate. The number of co-sponsorships currently exceeds most other bills filed indicating a great show of support and an extreme high likelihood these bills will pass.

**Former BSO Deputy Maury Hernandez:** The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 is continuing to advocate for former BSO Deputy Maury Hernandez who's career was ended in 2007. While on duty, Deputy Hernandez was shot in the head and miraculously survived. Read more about the I.U.P.A. Local 6020's recent advocacy for his claim bill at the following link [Amid Gov. DeSantis' tough-on-crime tour, police union asks state to pay deputy hurt in avoidable shooting \(floridapolitics.com\)](#)

**Will, Testament, and Deed Educational Day:** On Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 1 PM, at the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 union hall, the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 will be hosting Attorney Kim Schultz who specializes in a variety of areas related to civil law such as wills, testaments, and deeds just to name a few. The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 will cover up to \$100 towards a legal service for those I.U.P.A. Local 6020 members who RSVP & ATTEND. Members must RSVP by Wednesday, March 8, at 5 PM.

**Divorce and Prenup Education Day:** On Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 1 PM, at the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 union hall, the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 will be hosting Attorney Kim Schultz who will provide educational information regarding divorces and prenuptial agreements for members who wish to attend.

**Communication:** Follow the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (@iupa6020) as another way to stay informed on what the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 is working towards.

**I.U.P.A. Local 6020 App:** The I.U.P.A. Local 6020 is pleased to announce the launch of our app for Apple and Android users. The app will provide union news updates, have an emergency call button for members involved in critical incidents, a list of I.U.P.A. Local 6020 representatives, and a grievance submittal form for grievances that will be routed to the I.U.P.A. Local 6020 Executive Committee. At the bottom of this email are QR codes which can be scanned to initiate a download of the app. Members can scan the appropriate QR code based on what type of device they have. Once downloaded, members will be asked to enter information and the app will then send the user an email with the email they provide. The email will contain a confirmation code which members will enter and then select I.U.P.A. Local 6020. Lastly the app will ask members for an access code which is 5591.

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