



International Union of Police Associations

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Volusia County Sheriff's Office Votes in the I.U.P.A. as New Bargaining Agent After 12 Years Plus with the Teamsters

Tuesday, February 28, 2017, the Deputies of Volusia County voted overwhelmingly in favor of the International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.) to become their new bargaining agent. This marked an end to the Teamsters twelve year plus tenure as the union representing the men and women of the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

In citing their reasons for change, several deputies praised the I.U.P.A. business model, which includes the use of attorneys for all aspects of union involvement. Some also cited the Teamsters lack of involvement, and an excessive dues rate as reason for the change.

The International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.) looks forward to working with the VCSO Deputies and Sheriff Michael Chitwood in the very near future.

NOTE:

*Originally chartered in 1979, the **International Union of Police Associations** exclusively represents law enforcement personnel. The more than 100,000 law enforcement personnel represented by the I.U.P.A. are all full time employees of law enforcement agencies ranging from line officers up to first line supervisors. 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 and in the Caribbean. More information is available at www.iupa.org.*