



**I.U.P.A. / LDF Emergency Card
SARASOTA POLICE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION**

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**Association
ID 5503**

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS STATEMENT

If ordered to give a statement without representation, the I.U.P.A. recommends that you state or write this at the beginning of the statement:

"I have been ordered, under threat of discipline, to give this statement. I have requested representation, and I am exercising my rights under state and federal law. I object to giving this statement; however, I am making the statement since I have no alternative other than discipline. I am giving this statement because I understand that the statement may not be used against me in any criminal proceeding. I am expressly reserving my right to remain silent under the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. I also request that this statement be kept confidential."

The following procedures are recommended to protect your rights.

IF YOU GIVE A STATEMENT THAT COULD RESULT IN DISCIPLINE OR CRIMINAL CHARGE S:

1. REQUEST REPRESENTATION. You have a right to representation, upon request, if you reasonably believe that the interview may result in discipline.
2. Your representative has a reasonable amount of time to arrive for any interview, and a reasonable amount of time to discuss the incident with you prior to the interview.
3. If possible, separate yourself from other persons so that you are not pressured to make a statement.
4. Prior to giving a statement, request the nature of the investigation.
5. Determine whether the interrogation is administrative or criminal. If the investigation is criminal in nature, you can (and generally should) exercise your right to remain silent until you have consulted your representative.
6. If it is a critical incident, or the investigation is criminal in nature, do not talk about the incident to ANYONE other than your attorney, or as needed to apprehend a fleeing felon, provide emergency assistance or request representation.
7. If you are pressured to give a statement, make sure that you receive a direct order under threat of discipline, and make a reservation of rights statement (see over).