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ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Tampa, FL: Chief Chris Daniel announced today that a team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive on August 3, 2021, to conduct a comprehensive inspection of the University of South Florida Police Department. The assessment, which can span three days, involves critical review of all policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. The University of South Florida Police Department has to comply with approximately 250 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

Participation in the CFA process is voluntary on the part of the agency. The University of South Florida Police Department was first accredited in the year 2000, and has been successfully reaccredited in every cycle since that time. In addition, the University of South Florida Police Department received the Excelsior status during the 2018 accreditation cycle.

As a part of the assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the CFA standards manual is available through Audrey Clarke, USFPD Public Information Representative, in Tampa at (813) 974-3568 or for review at:
https://public.powerdms.com/COFLEA/documents/2285789

For more information regarding CFA or for the persons wishing to offer written comments about the University of South Florida Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write: CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email to info@flaccreditation.org.

The Accreditation Team members for the University of South Florida are Lt. Nick Marckese (Accreditation Manager) and Corporal Allyson Furner (Accreditation Team Member). The team completing the on site assessment is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other areas where compliance can be witnessed.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then determine if the agency is to receive accredited status. The University of South Florida Police Department's accreditation is valid for three (3) years. Verification by the team that the University of South Florida Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation which is a highly-prized recognition of law enforcement excellence.