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SUBJECT: USF POLICE REPORT FOUR YEAR
REDUCTION IN CRIME SINCE 2005 AND
19.1% REDUCTION IN CRIME FOR 2009

The USF Police Department reports crime statistics annually to FDLE as part of Uniform Crime Reporting. Our annual crime report for 2009 highlights an 19.1% reduction in index crimes and a 24% increase in arrests for 2009. This is the fourth consecutive reduction in crime representing a total decrease of 45% since 2005 and an increase in number of arrests of 52% over four years.

USF Police reported 314 index crimes for 2009 compared to 388 in 2008. Index crimes include Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft. They also reported 362 arrests for 2009, compared to 293 in 2008. USF also reported a clearance of 18.5%. These numbers are a reflection of the proactive enforcement efforts that have been put into place in recent years.

“Although crime is generally down nationally I think these outstanding numbers, especially when combined with our high rate of clearance of cases, evidences an enviable level of professionalism and dedication on the part of our officers to their community. I couldn’t be more pleased,” said Chief Thomas Longo.

Since 2006, members of the USF Police Department have expanded their efforts in proactive enforcement, by instituting DUI Checkpoints and Saturation Patrols. In addition, as part of a grant funded initiative, members of the USF Police Department have provided additional patrols in the areas immediately surrounding campus. These initiatives led to the USF Police Department’s 1st Place award in 2008 for the Florida Law Enforcement Challenge and the 2nd Place award in the 2007 International Association of Chiefs of Police National Law Enforcement Challenge. As part of the award in 2008, the agency won a fully loaded police package Chevy Tahoe which is in use as a patrol vehicle on the Tampa campus. These new initiatives have made members of our force more visible to the community and may have helped reduce crime on the USF campus.

UCR Crime Reports 2005 - 2009

2005 Total Index Crime	568		2005 Arrests	238	
2006 Total Index Crime	502	-12%	2006 Arrests	247	+ 4%
2007 Total Index Crime	440	-12%	2007 Arrests	281	+14%
2008 Total Index Crime	388	-12%	2008 Arrests	293	+ 4%
2009 Total Index Crime	314	-19.1%	2009 Arrests	362	+24%
2005 - 2009	-254	-45%	2005 - 2009	124	+52%

