

# USF POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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**SUBJECT:** USF Police Awarded Grant from DOT

The USF Police Department was recently awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to conduct high visibility enforcement and education as part of Florida's Bicycle/Pedestrian Focused Initiative. "The safety of our citizens is paramount," said Chief Chris Daniel, "this grant aids in our quest to promote traffic safety and reduce bicycle and pedestrian related crashes."

According to DHSMV, traffic crashes in Florida in 2015 resulted in 9,087 pedestrian crashes with 632 pedestrian fatalities, and 7,125 bicycle crashes with 153 bicyclist fatalities. Hillsborough County reported over 500 pedestrian crashes with 36 fatalities and over 400 bicycle crashes with 12 fatalities.

"We aim to reduce these staggering figures in 2016-17," said Chief Daniel. The USF Police Department plans to conduct multiple education and enforcement details focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety. These details will begin later this month and are scheduled to run through May 2017. The first sixty days of the initiative will focus on education and violators will receive warnings.

Remember: Alert Today. Alive Tomorrow.