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SUBJECT: USF POLICE RECEIVE REACCREDITATION

Tampa: Chief Thomas Longo of the University of South Florida Police Department announces that the agency has been awarded reaccredited status by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) at a Commission meeting in Sarasota, Florida. CFA is based in Tallahassee, Florida and reviews all aspects of an agency's policies and procedures; management, operations, and support services to determine compliance with 263 recognized standards of excellence. The Certificate of Reaccreditation was formally presented to Chief Longo on September 27, 2012 at the Florida Police Accreditation Commission meeting in Sarasota. The University of South Florida Police Department was initially accredited in 2000, and reaccredited in 2003, 2006, and 2009, prior to this fourth reaccreditation.

Undergoing the voluntary state accreditation process provides an agency with a "quality assurance review" and encourages intense self-scrutiny, resulting in more efficient and effective daily operations. Becoming accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation is considered a significant accomplishment and the criminal justice community holds this status in high esteem.

"By choosing to continue participation in the formal and thorough peer review by the Commission, The University of South Florida Police Department can document to the University community and to the citizens of Florida that it University Police Department 4202 East Fowler Avenue (UPB002) Tampa, Florida 33620 813.974.2628 Main 813.974.5616 Fax http://www.usfpd.usf.edu



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adheres to high standards of professionalism and is among the finest in the state," noted Chief Longo.

