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## USF Police - Lip Sync to the Rescue

**TAMPA, Fla. (September 12, 2019)** – Chief Chris Daniel and the University of South Florida (USF) Police Department would like to thank the entire USF community, law enforcement partners, family and friends for the outpouring of support provided during our journey of CBS's Lip Sync to the Rescue. CBS scoured through more than 600 videos and chose ours as one of the top 30. This is an accomplishment worth celebrating!

The top two agencies selected as #1 and #2 were Norfolk Police Department and the Seattle Police Department respectively. We are proud to have been named among them and the other law enforcement partners from around the country and Canada.

Chief Daniel states, "We did not embark on this journey seeking national attention," Daniel explained. "What we wanted to highlight was the beautiful USF campus and the dedicated work our officers do every day."

The song, "High Hopes" by Panic! At the Disco, was chosen because the lyrics spoke to us at a time when the University had just achieved preeminence status. It was also in line with the Excelsior status the police department achieved from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. We wanted to find a way to humanize the officers to our community.

Special thanks to USF Innovative Education who videotaped and produced a stellar video certainly worthy of the top 10. We could not have done this without them.

We are humbled by the support and outreach we have received. Our mission was accomplished...push the agency locally, regionally and nationally.

Please continue to support the USF Police Department as we continue to propel the department with our first-ever canine program. Click the link to view the campaign and donate.