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

Tampa: A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive August 11, 2015, to examine all aspects of the University of South Florida Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief J D Withrow announced today. The University of South Florida Police Department has to comply with approximately 260 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through Assistant Chief Chris Daniel, Public Information Officer in Tampa at (813)974-3961.

For more information regarding CFA or for 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 Manager for the University of South Florida Police Department is Lt. Charlotte Domingo. She said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Deputy Chief Joe Monteagudo of the Key Biscayne Police Department. Other team

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members are Lieutenant Wayne Enterkin of the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office and Lieutenant Steve Davis of the Pensacola Police Department.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. The University of South Florida Police Department's accreditation is for 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 maintain accreditation--a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence", Chief Withrow said.