



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

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Tampa, FL: Chief Christopher Daniel announced today that a team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive on August 7, 2018, to conduct a comprehensive inspection of the University of South Florida Police Department. The assessment, which can span three days, involves critical review of all policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. According to Chief Daniel, "it's refreshing to open our doors and our files to other law enforcement professionals and to get their perspective. We are all about growth and quality performance. This assessment is a fantastic opportunity to engage in organizational self-awareness, learning from others, identifying and closing performance gaps, and proving our merit."

Participation in the CFA process is voluntary on the part of the agency. The University of South Florida Police Department was first accredited in the year 2000, and has been successfully reaccredited in every cycle since that time. To achieve this noble recognition, the agency must maintain ongoing compliance with some 236 standards, touching on all aspects of the agency and particularly areas of high liability. Interested parties can obtain a copy of the standards through Audrey Clarke, Public Information Representative, in Tampa at (813) 974-3568 or for review at: <http://www.flaccreditation.org/docs/standards/CFA%20Comparative%20Compliance%20Edition%205.05%20to%20CALEA%205.0%20November%202017.pdf>.

As part of the on-site process, the assessment team invites agency members and the general public to offer comments as to the performance of the agency. Your input is valued. 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.

Lt. Charlotte Domingo serves as the Accreditation Manager for the University of South Florida Police Department. She said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement accreditation practitioners from other agencies around the state. The assessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. For this upcoming process, the CFA Assessment Team Leader is Ms. Marie Reese of the Naples Police Department. The other team members include Detective Jennifer Ruland of the Florida Department of Financial Services, and Ms. Lisa Iannone, Accreditation Specialist for the Hernando County Sheriff's Office.

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Upon completion of the on-site review the team will report their findings to the full Commission, which then decides if the agency is to receive accredited status. If an accredited status is awarded, the agency will retain that status for a period of three (3) years.

According to Chief Daniel, "The brief, yet comprehensive, nature of the on-site visit is a strenuous process for all involved. Though challenging, we welcome this opportunity to publicly demonstrate that the men and women of the University of South Florida Police Department provide professional law enforcement services and work toward law enforcement excellence on a daily basis."