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## **USF to Participate in National Campus Safety Awareness Event**

*Live demonstrations and a wide variety of safety education opportunities will be offered to students, staff and faculty*

**TAMPA, Fla. (Sept. 26, 2016)** – The University of South Florida Police Department and USF Emergency Management will hold their first-ever National Campus Safety Day event from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Designed to provide an opportunity to collectively educate students, faculty and staff on overall safety, disaster preparedness and crime prevention, similar events occur on college campuses around the country throughout September as part of [National Campus Safety Awareness Month](#) (NCSAM).

A number of live safety demonstrations are planned, including an impaired driving simulation, a motor vehicle crash rollover simulation and a small fire demonstration. Tampa Police officers will be on hand to show how the department utilizes motorcycles, K-9s, horses and specialty bomb detection technology to keep the community safe. Officers providing personal safety tips, special appearances by local dignitaries and hourly National Campus Safety Day giveaways are also expected as part of the event.

NCSAM received the unanimous support of Congress in 2008. Each September, the Clery Center for Security On Campus partners with colleges, universities, and other agencies to offer campus safety programming and ideas. USF and other schools across the U.S. are required to compile an annual security report, educating students and their families about campus crime statistics and other security information. USFPD works every day to provide a healthy and safe environment for the campus community.

**Date:** Wednesday, Sept. 28.

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Location:** West of the Chemistry Building (CHE), in an open lot just north of parking lot 8A. A campus map can be [found here](#). Parking will be available on site.

**Event Sponsors:** USF, Caspers Company McDonald's® Restaurants, Mission BBQ, USF Computer Store, Publix Super Markets, Inc., USF Bookstore, USF Dining Services, TGI Fridays of the Rockies, Inc., Cracker Barrel Old Country Store®, Target Corporation, Chick-fil-A®, Burger 21, Inc., Nutrition Smart, Chicken Salad Chick.

Please visit the [USF Police Department's website](#) and follow us on social media for more information about the event:

<https://www.facebook.com/USFPolice>

<https://twitter.com/USFPDTampa>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxU8WcN7BH2jq8bSbLKGH0w>

Attendees are encouraged to use #USFNationalCampusSafetyDay for any social media posts about the event.

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