

# USF POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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## **USF to Hold Second Annual Campus Safety Awareness Event on October 26 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

*Part of National Campus Safety Awareness Month activities, USF's "Safety Day" event will feature live demonstrations from law enforcement and variety of safety education opportunities.*

**TAMPA, Fla (October 23, 2017)** – The University of South Florida Police Department along with USF's Department of Emergency Management and the USF Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will host USF's second annual National Campus Safety Day event on Thursday, October 26. The event provides an opportunity to educate the campus community on safety, disaster preparedness, and crime prevention.

A number of activities are planned, including: impaired driving simulations, motor vehicle crash rollover simulations, fire extinguisher demonstrations, K-9 demonstrations, and horse mounted police demonstrations. Specialized equipment like SWAT Team gear and bomb detection technology, along with fire department and law enforcement vehicles will be on display. Law enforcement, fire rescue, and emergency management personnel will be on-hand to answer questions and talk about their work.

Similar events occur on college and university campuses around the country as part of National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM), a Clery Center initiative. 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 for NCSAM.

In addition to the Safety Day event, USF has been holding safety education events and training for students, faculty, and staff throughout September and October.

**Date:** Thursday, October 26

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Location:** Field east of Cooper (CPR) Hall and north of Business Administration (BSN), west of Sun Dome parking lot 22A (across Maple Drive). A campus map can be [found here](#).

The University of South Florida Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. The department is dedicated to providing a safe environment for the campus community and operates on the principle of being community minded and service driven.

The USF Department of Emergency Management (EM) is a USF System-wide function based out of the Tampa campus that coordinates activities to protect, prevent, and mitigate against; respond to; and recover from disasters and emergencies affecting the university. Using an all-hazards approach, USF EM coordinates emergency operations to enhance a safe and secure campus environment that is conducive to living, learning, and working.

**About the University of South Florida**

*The University of South Florida, established in 1956 and located in Tampa, is a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success. The USF System includes three, separately accredited institutions: USF; USF St. Petersburg; and USF Sarasota-Manatee. Serving more than 49,000 students, the USF System has an annual budget of \$1.6 billion and an annual economic impact of \$4.4 billion. USF is ranked in the top 30 nationally for research expenditures among public universities, according to the National Science Foundation. In 2016, the Florida Legislature designated USF as “Emerging Preeminent,” placing USF in an elite category among the state’s 12 public universities. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference.*