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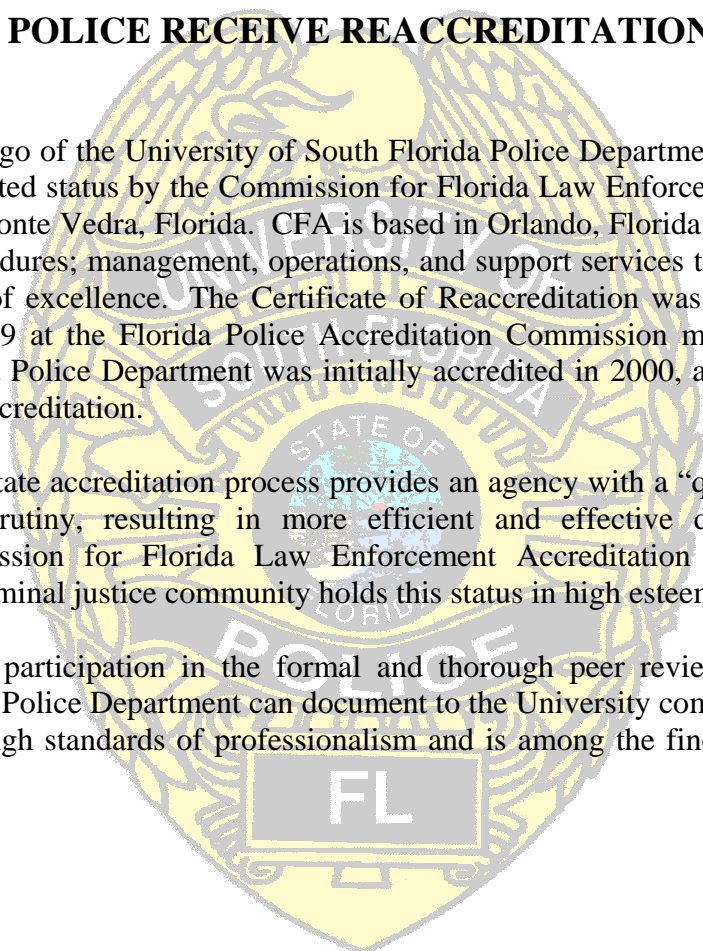
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SUBJECT: **USF POLICE RECEIVE REACCREDITATION**

Tampa: Chief Thomas Longo of the University of South Florida Police Department announces that the agency has been awarded reaccredited status by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) at a Commission meeting in Ponte Vedra, Florida. CFA is based in Orlando, Florida and reviews all aspects of an agency's policies and procedures; management, operations, and support services to determine compliance with 259 recognized standards of excellence. The Certificate of Reaccreditation was formally presented to Chief Longo on October 28, 2009 at the Florida Police Accreditation Commission meeting in Ponte Vedra. The University of South Florida Police Department was initially accredited in 2000, and reaccredited in 2003, and 2006, prior to this third reaccreditation.

Undergoing the voluntary state accreditation process provides an agency with a "quality assurance review" and encourages intense self-scrutiny, resulting in more efficient and effective daily operations. Becoming accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation is considered a significant accomplishment and the criminal justice community holds this status in high esteem.

"By choosing to continue participation in the formal and thorough peer review by the Commission, The University of South Florida Police Department can document to the University community and to the citizens of Florida that it adheres to high standards of professionalism and is among the finest in the state," noted Chief Longo.



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