

# USF POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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**SUBJECT:** USF POLICE REPORT THREE YEAR  
REDUCTION IN CRIME

**LOCATION:** USF TAMPA CAMPUS

The USF Police Department places a high priority on the safety of our community. In light of this, the following statistics are being provided to highlight a 32% drop in crime during the past 3 years coupled with a 23% increase in arrests. These trends appear to be continuing into the first six months of 2009.

Since 2006, members of the USF Police Department have expanded their efforts in proactive enforcement, by instituting DUI Checkpoints and Saturation Patrols. These types of proactive enforcement efforts had never been conducted on the USF Tampa Campus. In addition, as part of a grant funded initiative, members of the USF Police Department have provided additional patrols in the areas immediately surrounding campus. These initiatives led to the USF Police Department's 1<sup>st</sup> Place award in 2008 for the Florida Law Enforcement Challenge and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place award in the 2007 International Association of Chiefs of Police National Law Enforcement Challenge. As part of the award in 2008, the agency won a fully loaded police package Chevy Tahoe which is in use as a patrol vehicle on the Tampa campus. These new initiatives have made members of our force more visible to the community and may have helped reduce crime on the USF campus.

The USF Police Department is part of the USF Division of Public Safety. The Division works jointly with members of the Allied-Barton Security Services, as well as Parking Enforcement and Emergency Management staff under the direction of the new Director of Public Safety, Alana Ennis.

## UCR Crime Reports 2005 - 2008

2005 Total Index Crime	568		2005 Arrests	238	
2006 Total Index Crime	502	-12%	2006 Arrests	247	+ 4%
2007 Total Index Crime	440	-12%	2007 Arrests	281	+14%
2008 Total Index Crime	388	-12%	2008 Arrests	293	+ 4%
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<b>2005 - 2008</b>	<b>-180</b>	<b>-32%</b>	<b>2005 - 2008</b>	<b>+55</b>	<b>+23%</b>

So far this year, the numbers continue to show these same trends:

2009 Total Index Crime 171      2009 Arrests 182

