

# USF POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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**SUBJECT:** USF Police Awarded Grant from DOT

The USF Police Department was recently awarded a \$14,607 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to conduct high visibility enforcement and education as part of Florida's Bicycle/Pedestrian Focused Initiative. "The safety of our citizens is paramount," said Assistant Chief Chris Daniel, "this grant aids in our quest to promote traffic safety and reduce bicycle and pedestrian related crashes."

According to DHSMV, traffic crashes in Florida resulted... in 498 pedestrian fatalities, 7,467 pedestrian injuries, 135 bicyclist fatalities, and 6,520 bicyclist injuries. Based on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Traffic Safety Facts, these rates nearly double the national average for pedestrians and nearly triple the national average for bicyclists.

"We aim to reduce these staggering figures in 2015-16," said Assistant Chief Daniel. The USF Police Department plans to conduct multiple education and enforcement details focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety. These details will begin later this month and are scheduled to run through May 2016. The first thirty-days of the initiative will focus on education and violators will receive warnings.

Remember: Alert Today. Alive Tomorrow.