

Staff Employee of the Week

Geoffrey L. Allen, Jr.

JOB TITLE: Community Outreach Officer

HOME DEPARTMENT: Virginia Tech Police Department

COLLEGE OR VP AREA: VP for Administrative Services

NOMINATED FOR: President's Award for Excellence

NOMINATED BY: Wendell Flinchum, Chief, Virginia Tech Police Department

VIRGINIA TECH HIRE DATE: November 25, 1999

SUMMARY

Since coming to the police department in 1999, Officer Geof Allen has consistently performed his duties in an exemplary manner. Officer Allen founded and implemented the highly successful Virginia Tech Student Police Academy in the fall of 2004. To date he has trained over two hundred students through the program which provides insight into the law enforcement profession while providing effective crime prevention strategies. Because of the interest generated through the program, several students have sought employment with our agency and other law enforcement related agencies at the local, state, and federal levels.

During the past year, Officer Allen has been certified by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services as Crime Prevention Specialist. In carrying out this role, he has presented over 150 safety, crime prevention, and educational programs on our campus. Additionally, he has aided the university in securing grants to fund important safety initiatives.

Officer Allen is truly one of the most enthusiastic and dedicated employees I have had the honor of working with. He consistently strives to ensure the mission of the department is being fulfilled and often volunteers his off-duty time to further the goals and objectives of the police department. Additionally, Officer Allen created the police department's website and serves as the department's webmaster. He has created and produced three web-based emergency action PowerPoint presentations, each tailored to the unique needs of our diverse community. Officer Allen is truly a dedicated and valued member of the police department and the Virginia Tech community.