



## Sheriff's Department SPOTLIGHT

April 2008

### Award Winners

Each Spring, Sheriff Koops and Undersheriff Hull host an awards banquet for staff. Nominations for the awards come from Lieutenants, Sergeants, and other staff members.

Many law enforcement agencies present "Officer of the Year" awards, but Allegan County instead honors one member from each division of the agency who has best served the agency's mission. The award is entitled *Officio Nostro Serviens*, which loosely translates to *Serving Our Mission*. Our mission statement follows:

*The mission of the Allegan County Sheriff's Office is to provide a full spectrum of corrections, law enforcement, and court services so that our community continues to grow and progress as a safe and secure place to live, work, and visit.*



This year's *Officio Nostro Serviens* award winners are: (L-R)

- Deputy Mike Russell, Corrections
- Deputy Martin Mendell, Services
- Deputy Gregg Berens, Law Enforcement
- Detective Chris Koster, Investigative Services

In addition, each year one member of the department is recognized for their commitment to community policing by being awarded the *ALLCOPS Award for Excellence in Community Policing*.

This year's ALLCOPS award was presented to Deputy Phil Arnsman.

