



News

Contact:

Susan Newer
Public Information Officer
Susan.Newer@wsgc.wa.gov
(360) 486-3466
wsgc.wa.gov
 WAGambling

Media Release: Olympia, Washington: January 12, 2016.



Gambling Special Agent – Who We Are and What We Do

Join us at the [January 15, 2016, Commission meeting in Olympia](#), to discover the backgrounds of our gambling special agents and learn about the important work agents do in the field.

Find out how many complaints agents receive in a year and what types of complaints they get. Agents investigate all complaints received from the public. Agents also conduct audits and inspections of licensed gambling establishments to ensure gambling is legal and honest. Our regulatory investigations are among the most effective in the nation.

Gambling Special Agents are commissioned law enforcement officers. They attend the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and receive the same training as other police officers. Many Agents are Certified Fraud Examiners and some are Certified Public Accountants. Agents investigate criminal activities, such as cheating, theft and fraud.

Join us this [Friday, January 15, 2016](#), for staff's presentation "Regulation Unit" to the Commissioners; you will have the opportunity to ask questions. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can access the presentation on our website Tuesday January 19, 2016, with the [January public meeting information](#).

Invitation to Reporters - Come See What We Do:

- **Agent Ride-along:** See how we regulate and enforce gambling laws across the state.
- **Tour our forensics labs** in Spokane or Lacey. This is an opportunity to see state-of-the-art equipment and discuss protocols used by our forensic experts to examine a wide array of electronic and media storage devices.
- **Learn** how our criminal investigations protect the public.
- **See** how we test gaming machines for compliance in our Electronic Gambling Lab in Lacey.

About the Washington State Gambling Commission:

The Gambling Commission is a limited jurisdiction law enforcement agency and the only statewide agency devoted to gambling licensing, regulation and enforcement. Five citizens are appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to act as part-time Commissioners for a single six-year term. The Commission holds [public meetings](#) once a month to discuss administrative issues and rule changes, approve new gambling licenses, and take action regarding the revocation or suspension of gambling licenses. We are accredited by the [Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs](#).

To learn more about what we do, visit www.wsgc.wa.gov.

Mission: Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest.