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## Special Agent Awarded “Excellence in Gaming Regulation.”



Gambling Commission Special Agent in Charge (Agent) Rick Herrington was presented the “Excellence in Gaming Regulation” award by the North American Gaming Regulators Association (NAGRA) at their annual conference.

Gambling Commission Chair Chris Stearns said “Rick is one of the most creative and brilliant minds in the entire gambling regulatory arena. He is more than deserving of this award. The Commissioners are exceptionally proud of him.”

Agent Herrington has been with the Washington State Gambling Commission for the past 22 years. He is retiring June 30, 2015. The Commissioners will be recognizing Agent Herrington at their [July 9, 2015, public meeting in Seattle](#) for his 22 years of state service and receiving the NAGRA award.

**Excerpt from the NAGRA Award Nomination:** Agent Herrington has spent his entire career committed to making an impact upon the citizens of Washington State. Agent Herrington deserves not only our profound respect and appreciation, but the recognition he so richly deserves for his extraordinary contributions in the field of gaming regulation. He has diligently served the international gambling community and citizens of Washington State with passion, professionalism, and a true spirit of innovation. He has left an indelible mark upon the entire national and international gambling community. His sustained leadership and innovative contributions to the global gambling community have brought great credit upon himself, the Washington State Gambling Commission and the State of Washington. [Click here to read the entire nomination.](#)

**What is NAGRA?** The North American Gaming Regulators Association brings together agencies that regulate gaming activities and gives them a forum for the mutual exchange of regulatory information and techniques. Collecting and disseminating regulatory and enforcement information, procedures, and experiences from all jurisdictions provides on-going gaming education and training for all members. NAGRA provides a unified voice to speak on legislative matters and strives to develop a standard for legislation and rules concerning gaming activities.

### Invitation to Reporters - Come See What We Do:

- Ride-along with an agent to see how we regulate gambling in the field.
- Learn how our criminal investigations protect the public.
- 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.
- 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, approve new gambling licenses, discuss and approve proposed rule changes, 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](http://www.wsgc.wa.gov).

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