
Gambling Commission Special Agent Graduates Basic Law Enforcement Academy “Top of Class”

Please join us in congratulating Special Agent Michael Boone who was honored three times during his graduation from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy on April 1st. His honors included:

- Top Overall: 96.456%
- Top Academic: 95.425%
- Patrol Partner: Special Agent Boone’s 29 fellow graduates chose him as the officer they would most want to respond if they needed back up.

Special Agent Boone started training at the academy on November 18, 2014. The 720 hour Basic Academy curriculum gives recruit officers the knowledge and skills needed for safe, proper and effective law enforcement service. Agents are trained in criminal law and procedures; criminal investigation; defensive tactics; cultural awareness; communication skills; firearms; crisis intervention; patrol procedures, and more.

Agent Boone is pictured with his wife who pinned his badge on him during the ceremony. We are proud of Special Agent Boone and all of our agents for keeping gambling legal and honest in Washington State.

What’s so special about a Gambling Commission Special Agent?
Who they are: Special Agents are commissioned law enforcement officers. This means they attend the Basic Law Enforcement Academy at the Criminal Justice Training Commission and receive the same training as other police officers. Most of our agents are Certified Fraud Examiners and some are Certified Public Accountants.

What they do: Special Agents remove the criminal element from gambling and investigate crimes.
- Investigate criminal activities linked to legal and illegal gambling, such as, theft, fraud, cheating, bookmaking, animal fights, loansharking, embezzlement, money laundering and illegal Internet gambling (318 criminal cases in 2013).
- For legal gambling, audit games to ensure correct payouts and work undercover monitoring games for integrity.

Invitation to Reporters - Come See What We Do:
Agent Ride-Along
- See how Agents regulate gambling in the field.
- Learn how our undercover work protects the public.

Forensics Lab Tour: Tour our forensics labs in Spokane or Lacey. This is an opportunity to see equipment used by agents to uncover hidden information used to investigate crimes and assist other law enforcement agencies.

Electronic Gambling Lab Tour: See how we test gaming machines for compliance 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.

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