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Gaming Board Welcomes New Gaming Agents

Three Agents Graduate from Police Academy Ceremony in Springfield

The Illinois Gaming Board (IGB) welcomed three new gaming agent trainees to the agency today during a law enforcement basic training graduation ceremony in Springfield. The gaming agents will be assigned to IGB casino field offices statewide. Hiring and training new gaming agents is part of the IGB's ongoing effort to ensure fair and proper gaming practices throughout the state.

"I commend the commitment and determination these graduates have shown during basic training and look forward to their continued success as IGB gaming agents," said IGB Administrator Marcus Fruchter. "We are proud to welcome these new agents as we work to provide additional staffing to regulate the increase in casinos, video gaming and sportsbooks statewide."

The new gaming agent trainees include:

- William Adkins-East St. Louis
- William Agnew-Waukegan
- Payton Taylor-Carterville

The swearing-in ceremony was held at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield following the completion of a 16-week basic training course for law enforcement officers by the trainees and other recruits. This is the IGB's second police graduating class this year.

The IGB serves as the state regulatory and law enforcement agency, overseeing all licensed casino gambling, video gaming and sports wagering operations to ensure the integrity and safety of Illinois gaming while generating revenue for the state and gaming host communities. Illinois is presently home to 15 casinos, more than 8,600 licensed video gaming establishments and 14 operating sportsbooks.

For those interested in pursuing job opportunities with the IGB, please visit [Illinois Gaming Board - Employment](#).