

2026 Midwest Gaming Investigators & Regulators Conference

Location: Deadwood, SD

Date: April 28 - 30, 2026

Agenda Items

**Tuesday
4/28**

8:00 – 8:30 Registration & Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome & Introductions

- MGIR Board Members
- Wisconsin Lottery, Director Cindy Polzin

Opening Remarks

- South Dakota Commission on Gaming, Director of Enforcement
Brandon Snyder

8:45 – 10:30 Illegal Sports Wagering

- South Dakota Commission on Gaming, Director of Enforcement
Brandon Snyder

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:45 Gambling Analysis into the Prediction Markets

- Washington State Gambling Commission, Special Agent Bill Spring
via TEAMS

11:45 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 Don't Bet on a Breach: Lottery Cyber Security

- Multi-State Lottery Association, Lottery Security Auditor
Matthew Hunkele
- Ohio State Lottery, Director Michelle Gillcrist
- Ohio State Lottery, CIO Maureen Hall

2:00 – 2:10 Break

2:10 – 3:00 Crimes and Consequences: Lottery Edition

- California Lottery, Theft Unit Security & Law Enforcement Division
Lieutenant Loy Luna
- California Lottery, Theft Unit Security & Law Enforcement Division
Theft Unit Program Analyst Vincent Garcia

- 3:00 – 3:15 Break**
- 3:15 – 4:15 Fifty Shades of Play: Green, Grey, and the VLT’s (Panel)**
- South Dakota Lottery, Executive Director Norm Lingle (Moderator)
 - South Dakota Lottery, Director of Security and Video Trevor Wiebe (Panelist)
 - California Lottery, Assistant Deputy Director of Security & Law Enforcement Steven Combre (Panelist)
 - Iowa Lottery, Investigator Russ Gonglewski (Panelist)

4:15 – 4:20 Break

- 4:20 – 5:00 Social Media Investigations: Viral to Violation**
- Arizona Lottery, Director of Security Michael A. Dooley

**Wednesday
4/29**

- 8:00 – 10:00 Regulators Round Table**
- Be prepared to talk about current trends and hot topics

10:00 – 10:15 Break

- 10:15 – 11:45 ShadowDragon: Open Source Intelligence**
- Jacob Van Hoof via TEAMS

11:45 – 1:00 Lunch

- 1:00 – 1:45 Ctrl+Alt+Deceit: Black Swan Effect**
- Hoosier Lottery, Director of Security Eric Eads

1:45 – 2:00 Break

- 2:00 – 2:45 When the Stakes Rise, So Should the Badge**
- Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, Director of Investigations & Enforcement Blake Hudson

2:45 – 2:50 Break

- 2:50 – 3:30 Game Over: See you in Court**
- South Carolina Education Lottery, Chief Executive Office Dolly Garfield
 - Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, Executive Director Sharon Strong

3:30 – 3:45 Break

- 3:45 – 5:00 Effective Regulations for Maximum Impact**
- Missouri State Highway Patrol, Trooper Taggart Holston

**Thursday
4/30**

8:00 – 10:00 Felony Keno Investigation Case Study

- Nebraska Department of Revenue, Deputy State Sheriff
Jason Owens

10:00 – 10:15 Break

**10:15 – 12:00 Investigative Analysis into Illegal Offshore Sports Wagering, Loan
Sharking, Money Laundering, and Illegal Gambling Establishments**

- Washington State Gambling Commission, Special Agent Supervisor
Ronnie Cooper

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 TBD

3:00 Conclusion of Course