



## Gene Dana elected President

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ELLENSBURG, Wash. — The Ellensburg Rodeo has elected Gene Dana as president for the 2013-14 year. Gene brings to this position many years of rodeo board experience in addition to a long and distinguished career of public service in law enforcement.

Gene was transferred to Ellensburg, with his wife, Candi, and two daughters, Jessica and Sarah, in 1984 as a detachment Sergeant with the Washington State Patrol. After retirement from the State Patrol in 1998, Gene was elected as Kittitas County Sheriff and is currently serving his fourth term. Gene and Candi are also proud grandparents of two grandchildren.

Gene has been on the Rodeo board for 12 years. In addition, he has been a Rotarian for over 25 years serving twice as president of the Rotary Club of Ellensburg. Gene's experience with volunteers extends to the Sheriff's Office with one of the best volunteer Search and Rescue Operations in the State as well as the recently developed Citizen Patrol Program. He has been honored to be recognized as the "Best of Kittitas County" Law Enforcement Officer for the last eight years.

Besides taking over as Rodeo President, he is starting his 40th year in law enforcement and will also be serving as President of the Washington State Sheriff's Association. His focus for the Rodeo this year will be to build upon the great foundation and history that past rodeo presidents and boards have developed and to work closely with the Fair Board, County Commissioners, City Officials and Chamber of commerce members to make our Rodeo and Fair the best.

This year's rodeo runs from August 29 – September 1, 2014. More information about its many competitions and events can be found online at [www.ellensburgrodeo.com](http://www.ellensburgrodeo.com).

*The Ellensburg Rodeo is one of the "old rodeos" and has earned its place as one of America's Top 10 professional rodeos. The Ellensburg Rodeo is the final stop of the Wrangler Million Dollar Gold Tour and hosts the World Finale of PRCA's Extreme Bulls Tour. Started in 1923 with the same volunteer spirit that still "fuels the fire" of today's volunteers, the rodeo has grown from a local competition among ranch hands to the Professional event of today with over 600 contestants and prize money in excess of \$400,000!*

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