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The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) has the legislative mandate to establish and enforce the physical, mental, and moral fitness standards for all law enforcement officers, telecommunicators and emergency medical dispatchers in the state. This requirement also defines the procedure for the Department and Board to use when denying or revoking certification of an officer, telecommunicator or emergency medical dispatcher who has fallen below the moral fitness standards.

The Ethics Bulletin is published to provide insight into the types of misconduct that could result in revocation or denial of certification. The following cases have resulted in consideration of **revocation or denial** of certifications by DPSST in **December 2007**.

The Department continues to ensure that certified public safety officers and those seeking certification who abuse the public's trust will be held accountable for their actions.

2007 Year-end Statistics

Cases Opened	377	Of the 376 Cases Closed:	
Cases Closed	376	Revoked	55
Cases Pending	148	Denied	4
		No Action	317

Case 1

Officer A was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that he submitted false information on several occasions over a period of time. Officer A was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certifications. Officer A made a timely request for a hearing. DPSST filed a Motion for Ruling on Legal Issues (Summary Determination) with the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), asserting that there was no genuine issue as to any material fact that is relevant to resolution of the legal issue for which a decision is sought. Officer A, through his attorney, provided a Response to the Motion. The ALJ issued a Proposed Order revoking Officer A's certifications. DPSST adopted the Judge's Proposed Order in its entirety and filed a Final Order. Officer A's misconduct ended his 16-year career.

Officer A's Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Supervisory Police Certifications were Revoked

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Case 2

Officer B resigned and was later convicted of Official Misconduct in the First Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor. In this case Officer B engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a minor child whom he met while on duty. Officer B voluntarily signed a Stipulated Order Revoking Certification. Officer B's misconduct ended his 3-year career.

Officer B's Basic Police Certification was Revoked.

Case 3

Officer C was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that he had cheated on a written examination while at pre-Academy training. Officer C was also untruthful with investigators. Officer C was issued a Notice of Intent to Deny basic police training and subsequent certifications. Officer C did not make a timely request for a hearing. Officer C's misconduct prevents him from entering Oregon public safety in a certified position.

Officer C's Basic Police Training and Subsequent Certification was Denied.

Case 4

Officer D was convicted of a Fish and Game Class A Misdemeanor. In this case police investigated this crime after hearing rumors of Officer D bragging about shooting a deer out of season. When Officer D was first approached by the investigating officer he was initially uncooperative but then was forthright and truthful with the officer and later with the court. Subsequently, while Officer D was on duty and in his patrol vehicle, he disposed of the antlers. This crime is discretionary and therefore required that it be presented to the Police Policy Committee. During this administrative process, Officer D resigned while under investigation for inappropriate conduct with a female with whom he had contact during prisoner transportation. Officer D later sent the female sexually explicit text messages while on duty and on one occasion allowed her to drink a beer in his patrol vehicle. The Police Policy Committee reviewed the matter and recommended revoking Officer D's certifications. The Board affirmed the Committee's recommendation. Officer D was issued a Notice of Intent to Deny and Revoke Certifications. Officer D did not make a timely request for a hearing. Officer D's misconduct ended his 10-year Career.

Officer D's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked and his Basic Police Certification was Denied.