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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 **May 2008**.

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.

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**May Statistics**

<b>Cases Opened</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Of the 32 Cases Closed:</b>	
<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Revoked</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Cases Pending</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>No Action</b>	<b>25</b>

**Case 1**

**Officer A** resigned and was subsequently convicted of three counts of Theft in the First Degree, felony crimes. In this case, Officer A stole a large sum of money from his police union where he served as the treasurer. Officer A was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certifications. Officer A did not make a timely request for a hearing. Officer A's misconduct ended his 8-year career.

**Officer A's Basic and Intermediate Police Certifications were Revoked.**

**Case 2**

**Officer B** retired as an agency head and was subsequently convicted of Grand Theft by Embezzlement in the state of California, a felony crime. In this case, Officer B embezzled a large sum of money from a nonprofit organization serving troubled youth. Officer B was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke. Officer B did not make a timely request for a hearing. Officer B's misconduct tarnished his 10-year career.

**Officer B's Basic and Intermediate Police Certifications were Revoked.**

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### **Case 3**

**Officer C** resigned and was later convicted of Criminal Mistreatment in the First Degree. As a part of a plea agreement, Officer C signed a Stipulated Order Revoking Certifications. In this case Officer C, the parent of minor children, allowed his children to reside in unsanitary conditions and allowed the children to remain unattended for such a period of time likely to endanger their health and welfare. Officer C's misconduct ended his 13-year career.

**Officer C's Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Corrections Certifications were Revoked.**

### **Case 4**

**Officer D** was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that she reported for duty after having consumed alcoholic beverages and when confronted by the employer, was untruthful about the amount of alcohol she consumed. Officer D was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certifications. Officer D did not make a timely request for a hearing. Officer D's misconduct ended her 10-year career.

**Officer D's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.**

### **Case 5**

**Officer E** was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that he engaged in criminal misconduct which resulted in a misdemeanor conviction, and that he failed to disclose his arrest and subsequent conviction to his employer, in violation of agency policy. Officer E was also found to be dishonest with the employer regarding the submission of documents required for his certification. Officer E was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certification. Officer E did not make a timely request for a hearing. Officer E's misconduct ended his 7-year career.

**Officer E's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.**

### **Case 6**

**Officer F** resigned and was later convicted of Official Misconduct in the First Degree. In this case Officer F engaged in an inappropriate relationship with an inmate. Officer F was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certification. Officer F did not make a timely request for a hearing. Officer F's misconduct ended her 8-year career.

**Officer F's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.**

### **Case 7**

**Officer G** was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that he was non-compliant with his required fitness for duty examinations. Officer G was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke. Officer G did not make a timely request for a hearing. Officer G's misconduct ended his 5-year career.

**Officer G's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.**