

OREGON DPSST
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The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) has the legislative mandate to establish and enforce minimum standards for all law enforcement officers, fire service professionals, 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 individual who has fallen below the minimum 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 **November 2014**.

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.

November Statistics

Cases Opened	12	Of the 20 Cases Closed:	
Cases Closed	20	Revoked	5
Cases Pending	143	Denied	0
Reinstated	0	No Action	15

Officer A resigned in lieu of termination after an internal investigation sustained allegations of sexual harassment for inappropriately touching a female co-worker, and untruthfulness during the internal investigation. DPSST notified Officer A that his case would be reviewed by the Police Policy Committee. Prior to DPSST initiating formal proceedings, Officer A signed a Stipulation Voluntarily Relinquishing Certifications, which permanently revoked his certifications. Officer A's misconduct ended his 31-year career.

Officer A's Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Police certifications are Revoked.

Officer B resigned pursuant to a settlement agreement after an internal investigation into falsification of documents, dishonesty and insubordination. Prior to DPSST initiating formal proceedings, Officer B signed a Stipulation Voluntarily Relinquishing Certifications, which permanently revoked his certifications. Officer B's misconduct ended his 14-year career.

Officer B's Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Supervisory Corrections certifications are Revoked.

Fire Service Professional C was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed he had falsified information on an application to DHS for EMT certification regarding a prior criminal conviction. He was also dishonest when he told his agency the reason that application was denied. Prior to DPSST initiating formal revocation proceedings, Fire Service

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Professional C signed a Stipulation Voluntarily Relinquishing Certifications, which permanently revoked his certifications.

Fire Service Professional C's NFPA Rope Rescue – Level 1, NFPA Driver, NFPA Wildland Fire Operator, NFPA Pumper Operator, NFPA Mobile Water Supply Operator, First Responder Operations, Wildland Interface Fire Fighter, NFPA Fire Fighter 1, NFPA Firefighter 2, and NFPA Vehicle & Machinery Rescue certifications are Revoked.

Officer D was convicted of Forgery in the Second Degree and Official Misconduct in the First Degree after his plea of No Contest. He failed to follow department guidelines regarding proper storage of evidence and executed documents which were not true, with the intent to obtain financial benefit. As part of the judgment the court required Officer D to relinquish his certifications, which he did by Stipulated Order. Officer D's misconduct ended his 11-year career.

Officer D's Basic and Intermediate Police certifications are Revoked.

Officer E was discharged for cause after violating a last chance agreement related to his repeated off duty alcohol related incidents that brought discredit to himself and his agency. DPSST issued Officer E a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certifications and he requested a hearing. DPSST filed a Motion for Summary Determination, identifying no issues of material facts. DPSST's motion was denied and an in person hearing was conducted on June 20, 2014 and September 30, 2014. On October 28, 2014, ALJ Gutman issued a Proposed Order affirming DPSST's revocation of Officer E's police certifications. Officer E failed to file legal exceptions to the Proposed Order and a Final Order was issued. Officer E's misconduct ended his eight-year career.

Officer E's Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Police certifications are Revoked.

Officer F, while employed as a corrections officer, was convicted of Third Degree Theft after stealing items from Walmart and then attempting to return the merchandise for money. Upon notifying Officer F of DPSST's review he chose to Voluntarily Relinquish his certification. Officer F's misconduct ended his three-year career.

Officer F's Basic Corrections certification is Revoked.

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