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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 **June 2009**.

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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**June Statistics**

<b>Cases Opened</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Of the 30 Cases Closed:</b>	
<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Revoked</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>Cases Pending</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>00</b>
		<b>No Action</b>	<b>27</b>

**Officer A** was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that she had violated several agency policies following previous violations for which she had received progressive discipline and remedial training. The violations included a failure to provide back up to a fellow officer in a physical struggle with an inmate, failure to make required documentations of inmate activity, and leaving a loaded firearm in an unsecured location within the jail facility. Officer A grieved her discharge; her case was heard by an employment arbitrator who ultimately upheld the employer's discharge. DPSST issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certifications based on the discharge. Officer A made a timely request for a hearing. DPSST filed a Motion for Summary Determination, asserting there were no material facts at issue. An administrative law judge granted DPSST's Motion and issued a Proposed Order Revoking Certifications. Officer A filed exceptions to the Proposed Order; after the Department of Justice reviewed them it was determined that no changes would be made to the Proposed Order. A Final Order was issued. Officer A's conduct ended her 6-year career. **Officer A's Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Corrections Certifications were Revoked.**

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**Officer B** was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that he had violated several agency policies. Officer B admitted to having conversations regarding sexual matters and sharing sexually explicit photos while on duty with individuals that he was assigned to as a Field Training Officer. Officer B was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certification. He did not make a timely request for a hearing and was subsequently issued a Default Final Order Revoking Certification. Officer B's misconduct ended his 9-year career.

**Officer B's Basic Police Certification was Revoked**

**Officer C** was convicted of False Health Care Claim, a felony crime. This is a mandatory disqualifying crime for purposes of revocation. Officer C was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certification. He did not make a timely request for a hearing and was subsequently issued a Default Final Order Revoking Certification. Officer C's misconduct ended his 5-year career.

**Officer C's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked**

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