

# Telecommunications Policy Committee Minutes

## May 4, 2022

The Telecommunications Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on May 4, 2022, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Chair, Michael Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **Committee Members:**

Michael Fletcher, Chair, APCO-NENA  
April Roa, Line-Level Communicator (Webex)  
Matt Dale, OFCA EMS Section (Webex)  
Chelsea LaBar, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (Webex)  
Rebecca Long, Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Rep (Webex)  
Erica Stolhand, APCO (Webex)  
Ray Rau, Oregon Associate of Chiefs of Police (Webex)

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Rebecca Carney-Interiano, Oregon State Police  
Tim Svenson, Oregon State Sheriff's Association  
Reann Thurber, Telecommunicator

### **Guests:**

Daniel Rossetti

### **DPSST Staff:**

Brian Henson, Acting Director (Webex)  
Suzy Herring, Professional Standards Administrator  
Marsha Morin, Standards and Certification Manager  
Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Case Manager  
Jordan James-Largent, Professional Standards Case Manager  
Jennifer Howald, Administrative Rules Coordinator  
Erica Riddell, Criminal Justice Office Specialist  
Shelby Alexander, Executive Support Specialist



### **1. Introductions**

Introductions of members, guests, and staff.

### **2. Approve February 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Erica Stolhand *moved to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2022, Telecommunications Policy Committee meeting.* Matt Dale *seconded the motion.* *The motion passed unanimously.*

### **3. Administrative Closure Consent Agenda**

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Case Manager

The Department presented recommendations to administratively close the following professional standards cases to the Telecommunications Policy Committee.

**a) Warnke, Nicole (59029) Telecommunications and Emergency Medical Dispatch**

Warnke resigned from the Willamette Valley Communications Center amid chronic performance issues including tardiness, absenteeism, failure to validate addresses for dispatching services, and an unprofessional social media post. Warnke’s conduct, although concerning, is indicative of poor work performance and not moral fitness violations. Based on the information provided there is insufficient information to reflect that Warnke’s dispatching to the wrong addresses threatened to harm the public.

*Chelsea LaBar moved to approve the Administrative Closure Consent Agenda recommendations made by the Department. Rebecca Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**4. Rossetti, Daniel (61472) Certification Review: Telecommunications/Emergency Medical Dispatch**

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Case Manager

*Reason for Discretionary Review*

On December 6, 2021, Daniel Rossetti submitted an Application for Certification (F7) and a Criminal History Reporting form (F28), to the Department where he disclosed a February 1, 2021, criminal citation for *Failure to Perform Duties of Driver – Property Damage*. Rossetti’s criminal citation occurred after he had gained employment with Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA).

*Daniel Rossetti provided verbal mitigation for committee consideration.*

<i>Policy Committee Discussion/Vote</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Matt Dale moved that the Telecommunications Policy Committee adopt the staff report.	Rebecca Long	7 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously

The Telecommunications Policy Committee found the following moral fitness violations and factors:

*Moral Fitness Violations:*

- Dishonesty: Rossetti was deceptive with police officers after he was involved in a traffic accident.
- Misuse of Authority: The committee did not identify elements of misuse of authority.
- Misconduct: Rossetti violated a criminal law which resulted in a criminal disposition for *Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver*.

*Aggravating Factors:*

- Rossetti was deceptive with law enforcement officers, which has serious implications for persons looking to work in law enforcement.

*Mitigating Factors:*

- Rossetti took accountability for his actions.
- Rossetti participated in the review and presented a verbal statement to the committee.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rossetti learned from the experience.</li> <li>• Rossetti provided character references and letters of support which were all positive.</li> <li>• Rossetti’s age at the time of the incident.</li> <li>• Rossetti provided letters of support as mitigating information which reflected that the conduct displayed in his interaction with law enforcement was not seen in his work and was a single event fueled by adrenaline.</li> <li>• Rossetti’s conduct was not malicious.</li> <li>• Rossetti settled his court case through a civil compromise, which was not a conviction.</li> <li>• Rossetti’s contact with law enforcement occurred at a stressful time.</li> <li>• Rossetti might not have been dishonest if he was speaking about what he experienced.</li> <li>• The other driver may have been untruthful.</li> </ul>			
Matt Dale moved, after considering the identified violations of the Board’s moral fitness standards and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances unique to this case that no Board action should be taken against Rossetti’s certifications.	Ray Rau	7 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously

**5. Workday Training Update**

Presented by Suzy Herring, Professional Standards Director

The committee will be receiving an email reminder regarding the annual Harassment and Information Technology Security Training required to be completed by December 31, 2022.

**6. Program Manager Update**

Presented by Marsha Morin, Standards and Certification Manager

- Telecommunication Cases Update
  - 6 total Telecommunication Cases.
  - 4 are ready to begin the review process or are in some stage of the review process.
  - 2 are pending criminal/employment matters or waiting on records to be provided to DPSST.
  - 1 new case has been added since the last policy committee meeting.
  - 2 cases were closed since the last policy committee meeting.
- DPSST received an email from an agency head praising the work of the Department and the Board in their continued efforts in serving the public safety profession and community in their “gate keeper” role.
- Staff have been reviewing the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) against current processes. In situations where the processes and OAR do not coincide, and DPSST is unable to identify that the intent of the rule supports the process, staff will follow rule language.

- The Secretary of State Audit recommended DPSST review field training manual (FTM) completion by randomly selecting and assessing a small sample of submitted FTM's on an annual basis. Beginning in July, staff will request at least one recently completed FTM from each agency as part of the Agency Compliance Review Process.
- Staff are in the process of sending Notices of Intent to Suspend for officers/dispatchers who have not met the requirement to maintain First Aid and Adult/Child CPR certification.

## 7. **Department Update**

Presented by Suzy Herring, Professional Standards Director and Brian Henson, Acting Director

- Monday, April 11, 2022, the Honor Guard was present at DPSST to stand watch as the Law Enforcement Memorial Wall was engraved with three additional Fallen Officers.
  - S. Allen Burdic; Douglas County Sheriff's Office; End of Watch: March 11, 2021
  - John R. Burreight; Oregon State Police; End of Watch: May 4, 2021
  - Carl L. Frazier; Lane County Sherriff's Office; End of Watch: October 9, 1979
- On May 3, 2022, DPSST held a Law Enforcement Memorial for a limited number of guests due to the soft opening of the DPSST campus.
- DPSST is still seeing COVID-19 cases in academy classes and with staff members. At this time, DPSST is slowly re-opening our campus to the public with the goal of a full re-open by June 1, 2022.
- DPSST has not heard what the Governor's plans are for filling the DPSST Director role permanently.

## 8. **Chair/Committee Comments**

Chair Mike Fletcher and the committee members, recognized Erica Stolhand and Tim Svenson for their service on the committee. Both individuals have served two terms on the committee and their current term will expire on July 23, 2022.

## 9. **Next Telecommunications Policy Committee Meeting: August 3, 2022, at 9:00am**

*Administrative Notes:*

*These minutes reflect the order of the discussion/voting items as they appear on the official meeting agenda. The actual order in which they were discussed may vary.*

*All documents reviewed and discussed in this meeting are subject to Oregon Public Records Law (ORS 192.410 to ORS 192.505). These documents can be requested by contacting DPSST at [dpsst.records@dpsst.oregon.gov](mailto:dpsst.records@dpsst.oregon.gov).*