To increase the public’s trust, the Oregon legislature has mandated the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training establish minimum standards that are required to be met and maintained by Oregon’s providers of public safety, including police officers, corrections officers, parole and probation officers, telecommunicators (9-1-1), emergency medical dispatchers, public safety instructors and OLCC regulatory specialists. The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is responsible for certifying public safety professionals who meet all of the Board-established standards, and for denying or revoking the certification of those who do not meet or fall below the standards.

In addition to physical and intellectual standards, the Board has adopted minimum standards of moral fitness. Public safety professionals and applicants for public safety positions who have been convicted of a crime or have engaged in behavior that is deemed to fall below the minimum standards are subject to review as prescribed in Oregon Administrative Rule 259-008-0070. The sole purpose of this review is to determine if the Board’s standards of moral fitness have been violated and if proceeding to deny or revoke public safety certification should be initiated. The review specifically looks for behavior that appears to involve dishonesty, disregard for the rights of others, misuse of authority, gross misconduct, misconduct, insubordination and incompetence.

The Professional Standards Ethics Bulletin has been developed as an educational tool aimed at providing insight and transparency into situations involving public safety professionals that may violate the Board’s standard of moral fitness. The bulletin details the conduct and the resulting DPSST action. The names and agencies of the individuals in this report have been omitted to ensure focus remains on the behavior.

Questions about these incidents or about DPSST’s processes and procedures can be directed to DPSST: (503) 378-2100 or oregon.dpsst@state.or.us.

Upcoming Board & Policy Committee Meetings

Telecommunications Policy Committee—8/2/17
Corrections Policy Committee—8/8/17
Police Policy Committee—8/17/17
Board on Public Safety Standards & Training—7/27/17
MAY STATISTICS

Currently Certified Law Enforcement in Oregon:

◊ Police 5,358
◊ Corrections 4,055
◊ Tele/EMD 911/866
◊ P & P 623
◊ OLCC 33

Professional Standards Cases Opened in May:

◊ Police 6
◊ Corrections 12
◊ Tele/EMD 1
◊ P & P 2
◊ OLCC 0

Professional Standards Cases Pending as of May 31, 2017:

◊ Police 64
◊ Corrections 63
◊ Tele/EMD 9
◊ P & P 3
◊ OLCC 4

Cases Closed in May:

◊ Revoked 8
◊ Deny 0
◊ No Revoke 0
◊ No Deny 0
◊ No Action 4

To View prior Ethics bulletins visit HTTP://WWW.OREGON.GOV/DPSST/PAGES/PUBLICATIONS.ASPX
The following cases have resulted in revocation or denial or a vote not to revoke or deny a public safety certification by DPSST in May 2017

Officer A was charged with Assault in the Second Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, and Official Misconduct in the First Degree related to conduct that occurred on duty. Officer A pushed a handcuffed subject in the back which caused the subject to fall into a wall, causing injuries to the subject’s head and spine. As part of Officer A’s plea agreement they signed a voluntary stipulation relinquishing their certifications. Officer A’s misconduct ended their 2 year career.

Officer A’s Basic Police certification is hereby Revoked.

Officer B was charged with Luring a Minor, Sex Abuse in the Third Degree, Invasion of Personal Privacy in the Second Degree, Private Indecency (two counts), Online Sexual Corruption of a Child—Second Degree, and Official Misconduct in the First Degree related to conduct that occurred off duty. Officer B was found guilty of Luring a Minor and Invasion of Personal Privacy in the Second Degree. As part of Officer B’s plea agreement they signed a voluntary stipulation relinquishing their certifications. Officer B’s misconduct ended their 18 year career.

Officer B’s Basic Police certification is hereby Revoked.

Officer C was found guilty of DUUI, Assault in the 4th Degree, and two counts of Recklessly Endangering Another Person in January 2017. Officer C was notified that the case would be heard by the Police Policy Committee and was given an opportunity to provide mitigation. Officer C chose to voluntarily relinquish their certification. Officer C had not been employed as a police officer since 1987, but had served prior to their resignation for 13 years.

Officer C’s Basic Police certification is hereby Revoked.

Officer D was found guilty of the Federal charge for Distribution of Marijuana in February 2017 related to on duty conduct. Officer D had been employed as a Sergeant with the agency and was discharged for cause in February 2016 following their arrest for Distribution of Marijuana. Officer D negotiated a marijuana transaction while on duty, in uniform. DPSST issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Revoke and Officer D failed to request a hearing within 20 days, causing the NOI to default to a Final Order. Officer D’s misconduct ended their 21 year career.

Officer D’s Basic Police certification is hereby Revoked.

Officer E was discharged for cause after it was determined they had been untruthful during the application and background process with several agencies by omitting employment with a prior agency, and then stating to some agencies the reason for resigning from the agency was for an extramarital affair, when in fact it involved a criminal investigation into sexual misconduct on duty with a drunk subject. Additionally, Officer E was untruthful when they said they were unaware of a criminal investigation into the misconduct. Officer E was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke based on Officer E’s discharge for cause involving Dishonesty, Gross Mis-
-conduct, and Misuse of Authority. Officer E requested a hearing. DPSST referred the case to the Office of Administrative Hearings. DPSST filed a Motion for Summary Determination asserting no material facts at issue and received a Ruling and Proposed Order affirming DPSST’s action. Officer E failed to file legal exceptions to the Proposed Order and a Final Order was issued. Officer E’s misconduct ended their 27 year career.

**Officer E’s Basic Police Certification was Revoked.**

**Officer F** resigned during an investigation into allegations of an inappropriate relationship with an inmate. Officer F admitted to writing a letter to the inmate in which Officer F professed their love to the inmate. Officer F chose to Voluntarily Relinquish Certifications in lieu of a review by the Correction Policy Committee. Officer F’s misconduct ended their 12-year career.

**Officer F’s Basic and Intermediate Corrections Certifications are Revoked.**

**Officer G** resigned with a settlement agreement during an investigation into allegations of being under the influence of intoxicants on duty. Officer G had a positive drug screen and resigned prior to complying with a follow-up request for drug testing. Officer G chose to Voluntarily Relinquish Certifications in lieu of a review by the Corrections Policy Committee. Officer G’s misconduct ended their 5-year career.

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

PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ALL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

◊ Notification of Arrest or Criminal Citation to Appear

Effective April 1, 2017, any individual who holds DPSST certification as a public safety professional who is arrested, or receives a criminal citation to appear or its equivalent, for any offense punishable as a crime must notify the Department within five business days.

♦ Offense – is defined as a felony, misdemeanor or violation.

♦ Crime – is defined as an offense for which a sentence of imprisonment is authorized.

Traffic violations punishable by a fine, but are not punishable by a term of imprisonment are NOT required to be reported to DPSST.

♦ This requirement extends to all certified public safety professionals, regardless if employed or if certifications have lapsed.

♦ To report an arrest or a criminal citation to appear please email: oregon.dpsst@state.or.us.

   Include the following:

   Date of arrest/citation.

   Location of arrest/citation.

   Reason for arrest/citation.

   Arresting/citing agency.

♦ The requirement to notify DPSST does not supersede or negate any employer imposed requirements to report criminal activity or traffic violations.

Questions – 503-378-2100, ask for Professional Standards or via email, oregon.dpsst@state.or.us.
Proposed Updates to Denial/Revocation Standards

DPSST has developed a training to help our constituent partners and members of the public navigate the proposed changes to the standards that govern the denial, revocation and suspension of criminal justice certifications in Oregon. The training is approximately 33 minutes in length and includes instructions on how to add this training event to a DPSST Training Record.

The video can be viewed by searching for DPSST Professional Standards on YouTube or by copying this link: https://youtu.be/kMY8fKzMm2M

Any questions or concerns about any of these recommendations can be directed to DPSST Administrative Rules Coordinator Jennifer Howald (503-378-2432/Jennifer.Howald@state.or.us) or Professional Standards Division Director Linsay Hale (503-378-2427/Linsay.Hale@state.or.us).

Note: Comments on these proposed changes were received and will be considered by the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training at their regularly meeting on July 27, 2017. If, after considering the comments the Board approves filing the proposed changes, the rule will become effective August 1, 2017. The training available through YouTube has not been updated to reflect these new dates.
Our mission is to promote excellence in public safety by delivering quality training and developing and upholding professional standards for police, fire, corrections, parole and probation, and telecommunications personnel, in addition to licensing private security providers and private investigators in Oregon.

DPSST also regulates and licenses polygraph examiners, determines sheriff candidates’ eligibility to run for office and provides staffing for the Public Safety Memorial Fund. We strive to provide resources and certification programs that public safety officers and local public safety organizations need to maintain the highest professional skill standards, stewardship and service to Oregon’s communities and citizens. These services are based at our 236-acre academy and extend across the state through a network of regional training coordinators.

Agency functions are guided by several Oregon Revised Statutes and our authority is defined specifically in Chapter No. 259 of the Oregon Administrative Rules. We are governed by a 24-member Board and five discipline-specific policy committees; we serve more than 41,000 public safety constituents across the state.

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