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 intellectual, physical and moral fitness standards, and for denying, suspending or revoking the certification of those who do not meet or fall below these standards.

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

Board on Public Safety Standards & Training—10/25/18
Telecommunications Policy Committee—11/7/18
Corrections Policy Committee—11/13/18
Police Policy Committee—11/15/18
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS STATISTICS

Currently Certified Law Enforcement in Oregon as of August 31, 2018:

Police 5,511
Corrections 4,095
Tele/EMD 920/866
P & P 640
OLCC 43

Professional Standards Cases Opened in August 2018:

Police 05
Corrections 05
Tele/EMD 03
P & P 00
OLCC 00
Instructor 00

Professional Standards Cases Pending Criminal/Employment matters as of August 31, 2018:

Police 47
Corrections 40
Tele/EMD 06
P & P 03
OLCC 00
Instructor 00

Professional Standards Cases Pending Committee review as of August 31, 2018:

Police 34
Corrections 43
Tele/EMD 04
P & P 05
OLCC 01
Instructor 00

Cases Closed in August:

Revoked 01
Deny 00
No Revoke/Suspend 00
No Deny 00
No Action 32
Suspended 00
THE FOLLOWING CASES HAVE RESULTED IN **REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, DENIAL OR NO ACTION** ON A PUBLIC SAFETY CERTIFICATION BY DPSST IN **AUGUST 2018**

**Officer A** was convicted of First Degree Official Misconduct. Officer A was under investigation of allegation that they were stealing prescription medications from the drop box located at their agency. Officer A retired from their position as a sergeant and chose to voluntarily relinquish their certifications. Officer A’s misconduct ended their 26-year career. **Officer A’s Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Supervisory Police Certifications were Revoked.**
NEW & NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

DPSST IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!

Check out DPSST’s new official Facebook page for agency updates, employment opportunities, and other exciting news. Make sure to give us a like! https://www.facebook.com/DPSSTOregon/

SIGN-UP FOR GOVDELIVERY

Interested in keeping up to date with important DPSST news and information? Sign up for GovDelivery! This new instant communication system allows newsletters, administrative updates, training announcements and more to be sent right to your email address or phone. For more information: https://www.oregon.gov/dpsst/Pages/govdelivery.aspx

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS NEWS

In an effort to further the Board’s and Department’s transparency initiatives, effective August 1st DPSST has begun publishing the list of open, pending professional standards cases involving currently or formerly employed public safety officers.

This list will encompass open, pending cases only and will include the following information:

- The date the case opened;
- The first and last name of the affected officer;
- The affected officer’s DPSST number;
- The officer’s employing agency (at the time of alleged conduct);
- The primary discipline in which the officer is/was employed; and
- The general reason for the case being opened (arrest/criminal disposition, separation from employment, or complaint).

This list will be updated on a monthly basis, and will be published on DPSST’s Professional Standards webpage along with additional relevant information relating to DPSST professional standards review processes.

Link: https://www.oregon.gov/dpsst/cj/Pages/ProfessionalStandards.aspx

DPSST staff pledges to continue to explore ways to inform and educate interested parties on the rules and processes involved in developing and upholding professional standards for Oregon’s public safety professionals.
FORM UPDATES

Due to changes in Oregon Administrative Rule 259-008-0070 Denial/Suspension/Revocation, DPSST has now updated all forms that require public safety professionals to answer Professional Standards review questions to be consistent on all forms. The F5 Application for Training, F7 Certification Application, and F9 Instructor Certification Application have all been published on the Criminal Justice Forms webpage to supersede previous versions. When completing DPSST forms, please always refer to the Criminal Justice Forms webpage for the most current versions of all forms. Updated forms are to be used immediately and all previous versions will not be accepted after July 31, 2018, they will be returned to the sender.

Effective May 1, 2018 with the exception of F6 Course Attendance Rosters, all DPSST forms will require a signature by a department head or certified public safety professional designated by the department head. All forms have been updated to address the change.

More information can be found regarding the Criminal Justice Professional Standards on the Criminal Justice Professional Standards webpage. Any questions regarding the forms or updated language, please contact DPSST Criminal Justice at 503-378-4411 for assistance.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

We are working on scheduling more workshops throughout the state and have another coming up. These workshops are intended to be interactive informational/training sessions geared towards providing Criminal Justice administrative or training staff assistance on understanding the requirements and processes related to ensuring public safety professionals obtain and maintain the required public safety certifications.

Although this workshop is geared toward administrative staff, all public safety professionals are welcome to attend. Please visit https://goo.gl/forms/2nkJWslhze6TeusX2 to register, you will find list of workshop locations and 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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