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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 **May 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.

May Statistics

Cases Opened	025	Of the 021 Cases Closed:	
Cases Closed	021	Revoked	05
Cases Pending	155	Denied	00
Reinstated	0	No Action	16

Officer A resigned during a criminal investigation into allegations that she was supplying contraband to an inmate in the institution where she was employed and receiving monetary payments for the deliveries. During her interview by the police, Officer A admitted to the allegations and immediately resigned. Prior to DPSST initiating formal proceedings, Officer A chose to sign a Stipulation Voluntarily Relinquishing Certification, which permanently revoked her certification. Officer A's misconduct ended her three-year career.

Officer A's Basic Corrections Certification is Revoked.

Officer B was discharged for cause after lying during an internal affairs investigation and a criminal investigation. Officer B was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke based on his discharge for dishonesty. Officer B made a timely request for a contested case hearing. DPSST referred the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings and subsequently filed a Motion for Summary Determination asserting there were no genuine issues of material fact relevant to the resolution. Administrative Law Judge Alison Webster issued a Proposed Order affirming DPSST's revocation of Officer B's certifications for life based upon his discharge for cause for dishonesty. Offer B did not file legal exceptions to the Proposed Order and a Final Order was issued.

Officer B's Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory and Management Police Certifications were Revoked.

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Officer C, who retired from public safety service several years prior, was arrested for DUII and two counts of Recklessly Endangering Another after a single-vehicle traffic crash. He pled guilty to the two counts of Recklessly Endangering Another and entered into a diversion program on the DUII charge. Prior to DPSST initiating formal proceedings, Officer C chose to sign a Stipulation Voluntarily Relinquishing Certifications, which permanently revoked his certifications.

Officer C's Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Corrections certifications and Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Parole & Probation certifications were Revoked.

Officer D was discharged for cause after internal and criminal investigations into a possible inappropriate relationship with an underage female, a separate incident involving a DUII and violations of agency policies for having his trainee deputy purchase alcoholic beverages for Officer D to transport home in his patrol vehicle. The criminal investigation concluded with insufficient evidence regarding the female, however, Officer D was dishonest during the investigations about various facts. Prior to DPSST taking formal action, Officer D chose to sign a Stipulation Voluntarily Relinquishing Certifications, which permanently revoked his certifications. Officer D's misconduct ended his five-year career.

Officer D's Basic Police certification is Revoked.

Officer E resigned during a criminal investigation which later resulted in his guilty plea and conviction for Theft in the First Degree. As a condition of his sentence he was required to relinquish his certifications, which he did. Officer E's misconduct ended his 23-year career.

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