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The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) has the legislative mandate to establish and enforce the physical, mental, and moral fitness standards for all law enforcement officers, 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 officer, telecommunicator or emergency medical dispatcher who has fallen below the moral fitness 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 of misconduct **resulted** in **revocation** of certification by DPSST from June 2002 through October 2002.

Case #1 -

Officer A delivered cigarettes to two female inmates, allowed female inmates to be out of their cells dressed only in their undergarments and allowed them into the control room. He kissed and fondled them and was fondled by the female inmates. He was convicted of Official Misconduct for these actions. Officer A's Basic Certification was Revoked

Case #2 -

Officer B was discharged for cause and then subsequently convicted of embezzling approximately \$30,000 in parole and probation fees while he was a supervisor. Officer B's Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Multi-discipline Certifications were Revoked

Case #3 -

Officer C had an ongoing sexual relationship with a female inmate while on and off duty. He also kissed and fondled another female inmate and moved her to another cell in order to be able to directly observe her. He was convicted of Official Misconduct for inappropriate sexual conduct with a female inmate. Officer C's Basic Certification was Revoked

Case #4 -

Officer D struck an inmate in the sternum area with a fist while the inmate was in leg restraints and handcuffed. He then threw the inmate against the wall and into a counter. During transport he made the inmate fear for his life by threatening to shoot him. He was discharged for cause for use of excessive force. Officer D's Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Certifications were Revoked

Case #5 -

Officer E was discharged for cause for dating an inmate and having sex with the male inmate while he was on furlough. Officer E had her Basic Certification Revoked

Case #6 -

Officer F was discharged for cause for stealing narcotic medication from the inmates' medicine cabinet. He stated that he took the medication because he was depressed from the allegations of sexual harassment of a year ago. Officer F had his Basic Certification Revoked

Case #7

Officer G took a female inmate into the laundry room allegedly to fold clothes. Instead he raped her and had deviate sexual relations, while on duty. He was discharged for cause from his agency. Officer G's Basic Certification was Revoked

Case #8

Officer H was discharged for cause for untruthfulness. He repeatedly called in sick saying his back was out but in reality had flown out of state on a vacation. Officer H's Basic Certification was Revoked

Case #9

Officer I was convicted of Official Misconduct for having sex with a female inmate. Officer I's Basic Certification was Revoked

Case #10

Officer J was discharged for cause when he discredited his agency and his discipline by swearing under oath that it was unrealistic for a police officer to not have a personal bias and that it wasn't a goal of his to not have biases. He also stated that it was not a principal of good police work to be trusted to tell the truth and to have a good track record of truthfulness and to handle any personal biases. Officer J's Basic and Intermediate Certifications were Revoked