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The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) 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 have resulted in consideration of **revocation or denial** of certifications by DPSST in **February and March 2008**.

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.

February and March Statistics

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| Cases Opened | 39 | Of the 74 Cases Closed: | |
| Cases Closed | 74 | Revoked | 4 |
| Cases Pending | 157 | Denied | 0 |
| | | No Action | 70 |

Case 1

Officer A was discharged after an internal investigation revealed that he was untruthful relating to allegations of harassment of inmates. Officer A was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certification. Officer A did not make a timely request for a hearing. DPSST filed a Final Order. Officer A's misconduct ended his 1-year career.

Officer A's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.

Case 2

Officer B resigned and was later charged with the crime of manufacturing marijuana. As a part of a plea agreement to dismiss the criminal case, Officer B signed a Stipulated Order Revoking Certification. Officer B's conduct ended his 7-year career.

Officer B's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.

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Case 3

Officer C resigned and was later convicted of Forgery in the First Degree. As a part of plea agreement, Officer C signed a Stipulated Order Revoking Certification. Officer C's misconduct ended his 3-year career.

Officer C's Basic and Intermediate Police Certifications were Revoked.

Case 4

Officer D resigned and was later convicted of two counts of Official Misconduct in the First Degree. In these cases Officer D engaged in inappropriate contact with an inmate. Officer D signed a Stipulated Order Revoking Certification. Officer D's misconduct ended his 2-year career.

Officer D's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.



Oregon Criminal Justice Code of Ethics

AS A CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICER, my fundamental duty is to serve humankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect all persons against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all people to liberty, equality and justice.

I WILL keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity, will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I WILL never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. Without compromise and with relentlessness, I will uphold the laws affecting the duties of my profession courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence, and never accepting gratuities.

I RECOGNIZE my position as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it, as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of The Criminal Justice System. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession.

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