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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 of resulted in consideration of **revocation or denial** of certifications by DPSST in **March 2007**.

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.

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**March Statistics**

<b>CASES OPENED:</b>		<b>OF THE 33 CASES CLOSED:</b>	
<b>Cases Closed:</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Revoked:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cases Pending:</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>Denied:</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>No Action:</b>	<b>24</b>
		<b>Criminal Activity No Conviction</b>	<b>1</b>
		<b>Not yet certified</b>	<b>3</b>

**Case 1**

**Parole and Probation Officer A** signed a Stipulated Order Revoking Certification as a part of a plea agreement with the District Attorney's office. In this case, P & P Officer A, who was in a supervisory position, resigned in lieu of termination after an internal investigation revealed that he falsified paperwork to indicate marijuana had been destroyed, and then smoked it at a holiday party in his home.

P & P Officer A's misconduct ended his 14-year career.

**P & P Officer A's Basic Parole and Probation certificate was Revoked.**

**Case 2**

**Police Officer B** pled guilty to the misdemeanor crime of Official Misconduct in the First Degree. In this case, Officer B engaged in sexual contact with the mother of an attempt rape victim during his investigation. Officer B voluntarily signed a Stipulated Order Revoking his certifications. Officer B's misconduct ended his 17-year career.

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

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### **Case 3**

**Officer C** was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that while off duty, he became intoxicated and engaged in a verbal confrontation with his neighbors. The police were called and Officer C was not truthful with them. Prior to this incident, Officer C had engaged in other misconduct which included confrontations, and which he received progressive discipline. The employer concluded that as a result of the overall circumstances, Officer C did make threatening and offensive comments and gestures to the neighbors in the presence of children, that he was not truthful with responding police, and that all present knew Officer C was a police officer. Officer C was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke his certifications. Officer C made a timely request for a hearing. . DPSST filed a Motion for Ruling on Legal Issues (Summary Judgment) with the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), asserting that there was no genuine issue as to any material fact that is relevant to resolution of the legal issue for which a decision is sought. The ALJ issued a Proposed Order revoking Officer C's certifications. Officer C did not file exceptions and DPSST adopted the Judge's Proposed Order in its entirety and filed a Final Order. Officer C's misconduct ended his 16-year career.

**Officer C's Basic Corrections and Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Police Certifications were Revoked**

### **Case 4**

**Telecommunicator D's** received a probationary discharge after an internal investigation revealed that she violated numerous LEDS rules and regulations. The employer also found discrepancies in her explanations during the course of the investigation. Telecommunicator D voluntarily signed a Stipulated Order Revoking her certification. Telecommunicator D's misconduct ended her 1-year career.

**Telecommunication's Basic Certification was Revoked**

### **Case 5**

**Officer E** resigned after an internal investigation revealed that although she reported a vehicle had struck her patrol vehicle while it was parked at a convenience store, it was later determined that Officer E had reported false information and while operating her patrol vehicle she had struck a utility pole at a separate location. Ultimately Officer E admitted to being untruthful. Officer E was then convicted of Initiating a False Report. Initiating a False Report is a mandatory disqualifying crime, for purposes of denial or revocation of certification. Officer E was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke her certifications. Officer E did not make a timely request for a hearing. Officer E was issued a Default Final Order. Officer E's misconduct ended her 8-year career.

**Officer E's Basic Police and Basic Corrections Certifications were Revoked**