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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 misconduct resulted in **revocation** of certification by DPSST from February 2003 through May 2003.

Case #1 -

Officer A was discharged for cause for repeated instances of insubordination including failure to follow directions, sleeping on post, "horse playing" with inmates, and making disparaging comments in front of inmates and staff. **Officer A's Basic Certification was Revoked**

Case #2 -

Officer B failed to have back-up available when opening an inmate's cell. When the inmate threw soapy water on her, the officer responded by trying to take the inmate down, still without back-up coverage. When back-up arrived and the inmate was subdued, the officer struck the inmate in the head three times with her keys in her fist, gashing his head which then required stitches. The officer then tried to lie to her superiors regarding her actions. Officer B was discharged for cause for her behavior. **Officer B's Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Certifications were Revoked**

Case #3 -

Officer C was discharged for cause for failing to perform cell checks for the 11 years she worked as a corrections officer. She then lied to her supervisors when questioned regarding the cell checks. **Officer C's Multi-Discipline Certifications were Revoked**

Case #4 -

Officer D was found to have engaged in inappropriate sexual activity, while on duty in a city building, and was not truthful during the investigation. **Officer D's Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Management and Executive Certifications were Revoked**

Case #5 -

Officer E was convicted of third degree sex abuse, official misconduct and harassment for kidnapping a male under the age of 21, giving him alcohol and then sexually touching him. Officer E also provided alcohol to a male under the age of 18 and used a police camera to take nude photos of the youth. **Officer E's Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Certifications were Revoked**

Case #6 -

Officer F was convicted of delivery of a controlled substance to a minor, possession of a controlled substance, sodomy, and prostitution. Officer F provided a minor with methamphetamine, induced the minor to engage in prostitution, and engaged in deviant sexual intercourse with the minor. **Officer F's Basic Certification was Revoked**

Case #7

Officer G was convicted of three counts of official misconduct for repeatedly using a police computer to view child and adult pornography, while on duty and while in his patrol vehicle. **Officer G's Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Certifications were Revoked**

Case #8

Officer H was convicted of two counts of encouraging child sex abuse and sexual abuse. Officer H solicited nude photos of a minor in exchange for money, solicited nude photos of another minor in exchange for money, cigarettes and alcohol, and sexually abused a minor. **Officer H's Basic Certification was Revoked**

Case #9

Officer I was discharged for cause for violating department policies and the code of ethics. Officer I was untruthful on several occasions regarding an investigation against him involving disclosure of confidential information that jeopardized his fellow public safety officers and the performance of their duties. **Officer I's Basic Multi-Discipline Certifications were Revoked**

Case #10

Telecommunicator J, was discharged for cause for insubordination and gross misconduct. She repeatedly failed to professionally distance herself from her family's questionable activities, disseminated confidential information, allowed unauthorized access to the dispatch center and agency equipment, and directly violated agency policies. Additionally, because of family involvement, Telecommunicator J failed to relay necessary information to a responding officer, and failed to obtain immediate backup for the officer involved. **Officer J's Multi-Discipline Certifications were Revoked**
