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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 **June 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.

June Statistics

Cases Opened	19	Of the 65 Cases Closed:	
Cases Closed	65	Revoked	7
Cases Pending	152	Denied	0
		No Action	58

Case 1

Officer A was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that he falsified logs related to inmate welfare checks and inmate counts. Video recordings of Officer A's actions during his shift differed from the logs and Officer A's assertions to investigators. Officer A's misconduct ended his 7-year career.

Officer A's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.

Case 2

Officer B was arrested for charges involving domestic violence stemming from a domestic disturbance. Officer B was later convicted of the crime of Interference with Making a Report, a Class A Misdemeanor. Under OAR 259-008-0070(2)(a)(D) Officer B's conduct in preventing his girlfriend from calling the police was an act involving domestic violence and is therefore a mandatory disqualifying crime, for purposes of revocation of certification. Officer B was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certification. Officer B made a timely request for a hearing. DPSST filed a Motion for Ruling on Legal Issues (Summary Determination) 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 issues for which a decision is sought. The ALJ issued a Proposed Order revoking Officer B's certification. Officer B filed exceptions to the Proposed Order. DPSST adopted the ALJ's Proposed Order in its entirety and filed a Final Order Revoking Certification. Officer B's misconduct ended his 5-year career.

Officer B's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.

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Case 3

Officer C resigned and as a part of a plea agreement with the District Attorney's office agreed to sign a Stipulated Order Revoking Certifications. In this case, while on duty, Officer C purposely damaged the property of a citizen, and was then untruthful about it in an official report. Officer C's misconduct ended his 7-year career.

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

Case 4

Officer D was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that he violated a number of agency policies and was untruthful about his involvement in a domestic violence incident with his girlfriend. Officer D initially asserted that he was the victim in the domestic disturbance and through further investigation it was not only determined that Officer D was the aggressor, but the District Attorney who reviewed the case notified the employer that Officer D would no longer be called as a witness in any criminal matter. Officer D was subsequently convicted of two counts of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree. Officer D was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certifications. Officer D did not make a timely request for a hearing. Officer D's misconduct ended his 12-year career

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

Case 5

Officer E was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that he engaged in inappropriate communications and a relationship with a former inmate. Officer E was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certifications. Officer E did not make a timely request for a hearing. Officer E's misconduct ended his 9-year career

Officer E's Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Corrections Certifications were Revoked.

Case 6

Officer F resigned during an internal investigation against him which revealed that, while serving as a School Resource Officer, he inappropriately filmed female high school students. Officer F was advised that his case would be presented to the Police Policy Committee and he was given an opportunity to provide mitigating circumstances on his behalf. After review, the Police Policy Committee recommended that Officer F's police certification be revoked for violation of the established moral fitness standards for Oregon public safety officers. Officer F's case was forwarded to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training which reviewed the fact set and affirmed the Policy Committee's recommendation. Officer F was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certification. Officer F made a timely request for a hearing. Officer F's case was heard before an Administrative Law Judge who subsequently issued a Proposed Order revoking Officer F's certification. No exceptions were filed. A Final Order was issued. Officer F's misconduct ended his 7-year career.

Officer F's Basic Police Certification was Revoked.

Case 7

Officer G resigned and was later convicted of two counts of Theft in the First Degree, felony crimes. In this case Officer G engaged in financial irregularities while he was the treasurer of a nonprofit organization related to public safety. Officer G's misconduct ended his 18-year career.

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

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