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The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) has the legislative mandate to establish and enforce minimum standards for all law enforcement officers, fire service professionals, 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 individual who has fallen below the minimum 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 **April 2010**.

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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**April Statistics**

Cases Opened	22	Of the 16 Cases Closed:	
Cases Closed	16	Revoked	06
Cases Pending	192	Denied	00
Reinstated	00	No Action	10

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**Fire Service Professional A** was convicted of Negotiating a Bad Check on August 10, 2009, a discretionary disqualifying conviction for fire service professionals. Fire Service Professional A was contacted by DPSST and advised that his case would be reviewed by the Fire Policy Committee. Fire Service Professional A was allowed an opportunity to provide mitigating circumstances on his behalf and was also offered a Stipulated Order Denying & Revoking Certifications. After the Policy Committee reviewed the case, they unanimously voted to recommend that Fire Service Professional A's certifications be revoked and denied and that the initial minimum period of ineligibility to re-apply for certifications would be 24 months. The Board affirmed the Committee's recommendation. Fire Service Professional A was mailed a Notice of Intent to Revoke and Deny. He did not make a timely request for hearing and was subsequently issued a Default Final Order Revoking and Denying Certification. **Fire Service Professional A's NFPA Driver and NFPA Pumper Operator Certifications were Revoked and his NFPA Fire Fighter and Wildland Interface Certifications were Denied.**

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**Officer B** resigned while under investigation regarding allegations of having an inappropriate relationship with an inmate. Officer B was notified that her case would go before the Corrections Policy Committee for review and was provided an opportunity to submit information on her behalf for the committee's review. As a routine practice, DPSST offered a Stipulated Order Revoking Certification as an option, which Officer B voluntarily signed. Officer B's misconduct ended her 2-year career.

**Officer B's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.**

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**Officer C** resigned from employment while under investigation regarding allegations of untruthfulness. The investigation involved criminal allegations against Officer C and his wife. Officer C was notified that his case would go before the Police Policy Committee for review and was provided an opportunity to submit information on his behalf for consideration. As a routine practice, DPSST offered a Stipulated Order Revoking all Certifications as an option, which Officer C voluntarily signed. Officer C's misconduct ended his 20-year career.

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

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**Officer D** resigned from employment. A criminal investigation followed Officer D's resignation, involving criminal allegations of Theft II and Official Misconduct. Officer D was found to be untruthful during the investigation. Officer D was indicted and subsequently pled guilty to Official Misconduct. Through a plea bargain at sentencing, the Theft II charge was dismissed. As part of the plea agreement Officer D signed a Stipulated Order Revoking Police Certifications. Officer D's misconduct ended his 4-year career.

**Officer D's Basic Police Certificate was Revoked.**

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**Officer E** was discharged for cause from employment as a police officer for having a sexual relationship on duty and for untruthfulness. Officer E was subsequently convicted of First Degree Official Misconduct as a result of his actions. Officer E was served with a Notice of Intent to Revoke. Officer E made a timely request for a hearing. DPSST sought a Motion for Summary Determination before the Office of Administrative Hearings asserting there was no material fact at issue. The ALJ granted DPSST's Motion and issued a Proposed Order. Officer E did not file legal exceptions to the Proposed Order. DPSST filed a Final Order. Officer E's misconduct ended his 19-year career.

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

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**Officer F** was discharged for cause from employment as police officer for failing to take appropriate actions required by law at the scene of a domestic violence call. Officer F made untruthful statements and failed to submit an accurate and truthful police report of the case. Officer F was mailed a Notice of Intent to Revoke. She did not make a timely request for hearing and was subsequently issued a Default Final Order Revoking Certification.

**Officer F's misconduct ended her 3-year career.**

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