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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 **May 2011**.

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.

May Statistics

Cases Opened	027	Of the 20 Cases Closed:	
Cases Closed	020	Revoked	005
Cases Pending	203	Denied	001
Reinstated	000	No Action	014

Officer A was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed he had violated numerous policies and procedures when he hit an individual on a scooter with his personal vehicle and failed to stop at the scene of the accident. In addition to the criminal conduct Officer A failed to notify his supervisor of his arrest in a timely manner. Officer A was served with a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certification. Officer A did not make a timely request for a hearing and his certification was revoked by Default. Officer A's misconduct ended his 15-year career.

Officer A's Basic Parole and Probation Certification was Revoked.

Officer B resigned during an investigation and was subsequently convicted of Supplying Contraband, a Class C Felony crime. Officer B was served with a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certification. Officer B did not make a timely request for a hearing and her certification was revoked by Default. Officer B's misconduct ended her 3-year career.

Officer B's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.

Officer C resigned during an investigation and was subsequently convicted of Third Degree Assault, a Class C felony crime. Officer C was served with a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certification. Officer C did not make a timely request for a hearing and his certification was revoked by Default. Officer C's misconduct ended his 31-year career.

Officer C's Basic Corrections Certification was Revoked.

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Officer D entered into a plea arrangement, which included pleading guilty to one count of Official Misconduct; resigning his position with the agency; agreeing and stipulating to the revocation of his DPSST certifications as a police officer; and reconciling the difference between the leave he fraudulently took and his legitimate leave banks. Officer D's misconduct ended his 6-year career. **Officer D's Basic and Intermediate Police Certifications were Revoked.**

Fire Service Professional E was discharged for cause after an internal investigation revealed that Fire Service Professional E lied to his full time employer in order to respond to a structure fire. Fire Service Professional E was served with a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certification. Fire Service Professional E did not make a timely request for a hearing and his certification was revoked by Default.

Fire Service Professional E's NFPA Fire Fighter I Certification was Revoked.

Fire Service Professional F was convicted of Second Degree Theft, a discretionary disqualifying crime. DPSST notified Fire Service Professional F that his case would be reviewed by the Fire Policy Committee (FPC) and allowed him an opportunity to provide mitigating circumstances for the Committee's consideration. The FPC reviewed the matter and found that Fire Service Professional F's misconduct violated the core values of honesty, professionalism and justice. The FPC determined that Fire Service Professional F's misconduct rose to the level to warrant a denial. The FPC determined that his initial minimum period of ineligibility to re-apply for certification would be 2 years from the completion of his court ordered probation. Fire Service Professional F was served with a Notice of Intent to Deny Certification. Fire Service Professional F did not make a timely request for a hearing and his application for certification was denied by Default.

Fire Service Professional F's NFPA 472 Responders to Hazardous Material/Weapons of Mass Destruction Certification was Denied.

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