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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 **November, 2015**.

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.

November Statistics

Cases Opened	22	Of the 6 Cases Closed:	
Cases Closed	6	Revoked	1
Cases Pending	144	Denied	0
Reinstated	0	No Action	5

Officer A, who had not been employed in a certified public safety position since 2003, was convicted in 2015 of a domestic violence Assault in the Fourth Degree. This is a mandatory disqualifying criminal conviction which requires DPSST to revoke certifications. DPSST served Officer B with a Notice of Intent to Revoke Certifications, and he failed to request a hearing. Officer B's corrections certifications were revoked by default final order.

Officer A's Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Corrections Certifications are Revoked.

Important Notice

DPSST, in consultation with the Board and the Policy Committees, decertifies nearly 100 public safety professionals a year, with an average of 120 professional standards cases pending at any given time. The current denial and revocation standards for criminal justice certification have been in place for over eight years. Those eight years have seen a myriad of societal, technological and legal changes, some of which directly affect what it means to be a public safety officer in this state.

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In recognition of the need to continually review standards to ensure they remain relevant and appropriate, DPSST has received permission from the Telecommunications, Corrections and Police Policy Committees to form a workgroup to review the criminal justice denial/revocation standards and make recommendations for adjustments if needed.

The workgroup will be representative of all interested parties, to include all disciplines, ranks and geographic locations. Questions, comments or concerns can be directed to Professional Standards Division Director Lindsay Hale.

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