



# **AZ POST**

## **INTEGRITY BULLETIN**

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The Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZ POST) is mandated by the legislature to establish and enforce the physical, mental, and moral fitness standards, for all peace officers, in the state. The Board meets the charge to protect the public by overseeing the integrity of Arizona's law enforcement officers by reviewing cases and taking action against the certification of individuals who violate the AZ POST Rules. The following is a summary of the actions taken by the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board at its July, August and September 2022 public meetings. Each action is considered on its own facts and circumstances.

The Board publishes this bulletin to provide insight into the Board's position on various types of officer misconduct. As always, the Compliance Specialist for your agency is available to discuss any matter and to assist you with any questions you might have.

### **REVOCATIONS:**

Case 2022-039. While on duty, an officer participated in firearms training while impaired. He also operated his patrol car with alcohol in his system. Urine analysis results showed a blood alcohol content of .037%.

Case 2021-104. An officer interfered with a criminal investigation.

Case 2019-134. An officer used his authority as an on duty police officer to commit felonies.

Case 2022-013. An officer was dishonest in a polygraph after he was admonished.

Case 2021-004. An officer, while on duty, had sex with another at a number of locations on a number of occasions.

Case 2021-133. An officer was arrested and charged with various drug related felonies which occurred while the officer's certification was inactive.

Case 2020-191. An officer provided false information in the hiring process.

### **SUSPENSIONS:**

Case 2022-091. An officer, while off duty, was arrested for extreme DUI with a BA of .207. The Board accepted a consent agreement for a twelve month suspension.

Case 2022-057. The Board accepted a consent agreement for an eighteen month suspension. The officer had negligently discharged his duty gun while on duty and in a public building. The expanded round struck the concrete floor of the fire station and shrapnel struck three firemen, causing minor injuries.

Case 2021-243. An officer, while off duty, was arrested for extreme DUI with a BA of .244. The Board accepted a consent agreement for a twelve month suspension.

Case 2022-077. An officer, while off duty, was arrested for extreme DUI with a BA of .182. He was in a reportable car accident and was injured. The Board accepted a consent agreement for an eighteen month suspension.

Case 2021-123. The Board accepted a consent agreement for an eighteen month suspension. This is regarding two separate incidents. In the first incident, an officer was dishonest to his supervisor about a call for service. In the second incident, the officer, while off duty, was arrested for extreme DUI with a BA of .236.

**DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION:**

Case 2021-106. The Board accepted a consent agreement for a temporary denial of certification for twelve months, after which date the recruit may reapply for certified status. While in the police academy, but while off duty, the recruit was arrested for DUI. The BA was .117.

Case 2022-062. A police recruit provided false information in the hiring process by not disclosing prior cocaine use. The Board permanently denied peace officer certification. .

Case 2021-173. A police recruit provided false information in the hiring process. The Board permanently denied peace officer certification.

Case 2021-202. A police recruit was arrested for disorderly conduct and assault/domestic violence. The Board permanently denied peace officer certification.

**VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENTS:**

The Board accepted the following voluntary relinquishments/denials of peace officer certification. Respondents, without admitting any allegations made against them, permanently relinquished their Arizona peace officer certifications.

Case #2016-139	Case #2021-059	Case #2022-088	Case #2021-103
Case #2019-114	Case #2021-193	Case #2022-092	Case #2021-121
Case #2019-223	Case #2022-010	Case #2022-101	Case #2021-169
Case #2020-024	Case #2022-060	Case #2022-107	Case #2021-199
Case #2020-033	Case #2022-065	Case #2022-110	Case #2022-051
Case #2020-170	Case #2022-083	Case #2020-137	Case #2022-079
Case #2021-086	Case #2022-087	Case #2021-030	Case #2022-096
Case #2022-113	Case #2022-116	Case #2020-124	Case #2021-054
Case #2021-161	Case #2022-143	Case #2022-027	Case #2022-049
Case #2022-098	Case #2022-115	Case #2022-119	Case #2022-122

**NO ACTIONS:**

*At the July, August, and September meetings, the Board voted to close out the following cases without initiating a Complaint for disciplinary action. This is neither a finding that no misconduct occurred nor a comment that the Board condones the conduct. The Board may choose not to initiate a Complaint in a case even though there is misconduct if, considering all the circumstances, including agency discipline, the conduct does not rise to the level requiring a formal administrative proceeding. In many of these cases, the Board makes a statement that the conduct is an important consideration for a future hiring agency. By not taking disciplinary action, the Board leaves the matter to the discretion of an agency head who may choose to*

*consider the officer for appointment. The Board relies on and enforces the statutory requirement of A.R.S. §41-1828.01 that agencies share information about misconduct with each other, even in cases where the Board has chosen not to take additional independent disciplinary action. Additionally, in some of these cases, further information is necessary before a charging decision can be properly made.*

Case 2021-233. It was alleged that an officer, while off duty, committed disorderly conduct. The Board decided to take no action.

Case 2020-157. It was alleged that an officer used unreasonable force during the arrest and handcuffing of a suspect. A consent agreement for a twelve month suspension was submitted to the Board. The Board rejected the proposed consent agreement and voted to take no action.

Case 2021-190. The Board decided to take no action.

Case 2021-053. The State submitted a motion for reconsideration and requested that the Board dismiss a complaint. The Board voted to dismiss the complaint.