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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 October and November public meetings; there was no meeting in December. 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 2024-057. At final action, the Board accepted findings of fact and conclusions of law and revoked peace officer certification. Subsequently, Respondent filed a timely motion for rehearing. The motion is scheduled to be considered at the January 2025 meeting of the Board.

Case 2024-103. At final action, the Board accepted findings of fact and conclusions of law and revoked peace officer certification. An officer was dishonest to his supervisor and also made false or misleading statements during an interview after receiving a notice of investigation.

Case 2024-121. At final action, the Board accepted findings of fact and conclusions of law and revoked peace officer certification. A deputy used an unreasonable level of force during an arrest. The deputy was then dishonest in an interview after receiving a notice of investigation.

SUSPENSIONS:

Case 2022-146. At final action, the Board adopted an Administrative Law Judge's decision as to findings of fact and conclusions of law and suspended a deputy's peace officer certification for five (5) months. Subsequently, Respondent filed a timely motion for rehearing. The motion is scheduled to be considered at the January 2025 meeting of the Board.

Case 2024-028. An officer, while off duty, was driving while impaired. His spouse and a toddler family member were passengers in the car. The officer pled to misdemeanor endangerment. The Board accepted a proposed consent agreement for an eighteen (18) month suspension.

Case 2024-183. An officer, while off duty, was driving impaired and caused a rear end collision. His BA was .249. The Board accepted a proposed consent agreement for an eighteen (18) month suspension.

Case 2023-120. An officer, while on duty, sent unprofessional pictures and a video of himself to a friend. The officer also sent snippets of body worn camera video of police calls for service to someone outside of his department. The Board accepted a proposed consent agreement for a thirty-six (36) month suspension, after which date the certification will lapse.

Case 2024-159. An officer in training, was dishonest to his field training officer about completing an assignment from his patrol supervisor. At final action, the Board accepted findings of fact and conclusions of law and imposed a twenty-four (24) month suspension of peace officer certification.

Case 2022-012. An officer, while off duty, pushed his wife causing her to fall. The officer also violated a no contact provision in an order of protection. All misdemeanor criminal charges were dismissed. The Board accepted a proposed consent agreement for a twenty-four (24) month suspension.

Case 2023-235. An officer, while off duty, was drunk and disorderly at a casino. The Board accepted a proposed consent agreement for a twenty-four (24) month suspension.

Case 2024-085. An officer, while speaking with his patrol sergeant, said unprofessional comments about wanting to cause harm. The Board accepted a proposed consent agreement for a twelve (12) month suspension.

Case 2024-163. An officer, while off duty, was driving impaired and caused a traffic collision. His BA was .243. The Board accepted a proposed consent agreement for an eighteen (18) month suspension.

Case 2024-086. An officer was untruthful to his supervisor in the taking of personal leave time. The Board accepted a proposed consent agreement for an eighteen (18) month suspension.

Case 2023-217. An officer left his post without securing proper relief. The Board accepted a proposed consent agreement for a three (3) month suspension.

DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION:

Case 2024-072. A police recruit was dishonest during an interview about circumstances surrounding a ride-along. The Board accepted a proposed consent agreement and imposed a twenty-four (24) month temporary denial of peace officer certification; after which date the recruit may be eligible to reapply.

Case 2024-095. At final action, the Board accepted findings of fact and conclusions of law and imposed a twenty-four (24) month temporary denial of peace officer certification; after which date the recruit may be eligible to reapply. A police recruit was dishonest when he wrote an answer on an academy written test after the test was over and he was to exchange the test with another recruit.

NO ACTION

Case 2022-192. The Board adopted an administrative law judge's decision and closed the case.

VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENTS:

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

2022-230	2024-078
2023-224	2024-231
2024-153	2024-251
2024-182	2024-259
2024-186	2024-263
2024-239	2024-270