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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, November, and December public meetings. These actions are not precedent setting, in the sense that similar cases will end with the same result, because each case is considered on its individual 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 #19-081. An officer wrote false information in a police report. The officer claimed that he found drugs on an individual; who was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Case #19-132. An officer entered a plea of guilty to committing felony endangerment- a Class 6 felony.

Case #15-054. An officer was served a notice of investigation which compelled honest answers. The officer, however, was dishonest during an interview with professional standards.

Case # 19-082. An officer was arrested and charged with sexual conduct with a minor. The Board initiated a complaint, but the officer failed to request a hearing.

Case #19-094. An officer was in an on duty, single vehicle car accident, with a fixed object. The officer was dishonest to supervisors investigating the vehicle collision. The officer was also dishonest in his reporting of it.

SUSPENSIONS:

Case #18-126. The Board adopted a consent agreement, which imposed a six month suspension on an officer, for posting racially insensitive content on his personal Facebook page; which he shared with members of his Department.

Case #17-062. The Board adopted a consent agreement, which imposed a suspension till lapse on an officer, who smoked marijuana while on vacation in a State where consumption is legal.

Case #19-003. The Board adopted a consent agreement, which imposed a two year suspension on an officer, who violated a Court order.

Case #19-083. The Board adopted a consent agreement, which imposed a twelve month suspension on an officer, who misused ACJIS and the Arizona Driver's License system.

Case #19-086. The Board adopted a consent agreement, which imposed a suspension of forty hours on a detention officer, who conducted an improper search of an individual.

Case #19-061. The Board suspended an officer's certification for twelve months for driving at 76 MPH, 79 MPH, and 92 MPH, while on duty, in a patrol car, and without justification.

Case #17-154. The Board suspended an officer's certification till lapse. The officer was dishonest during the hiring process when he failed to disclose material information. The officer also failed to meet certain contractual obligations regarding an empowerment scholarship agreement.

Case #19-039. The Board adopted a consent agreement, which imposed a twelve month suspension on an officer, who misused ACJIS and the Arizona Driver's License system.

DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION:

Case #18-150. A recruit was not truthful during the hiring process.

Case#19-022. A recruit was untruthful on application forms regarding information about his past employment history.

Case #19-104. A recruit was arrested for committing child abuse. The recruit signed a receipt for the notice of complaint but did not request a hearing.

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 #19-077

Case #19-078

Case #19-006

Case #19-028

Case #19-125

Case #18-147

Case #18-167

Case #19-173

NO ACTIONS:

None.