

Peace Officer Standards and Training 2019 Investigations Action Report

POST Investigations Activity

In 2019 POST Investigations conducted the following investigative activity:

Total Complaints Reviewed		232
Total New Cases Opened		115
Total Cases Presented to POST Council		57
2017 cases	1	
2018 cases	29	
2019 cases	27	
Total Cases Closed With No-Action Following Investigation		25
2017 cases	1	
2018 cases	13	
2019 cases	11	
Total Cases Closed by Voluntary Relinquishment		19

POST Council Activity

In 2019 the POST Council administered the following disciplinary sanctions during four regularly scheduled quarterly council meetings:

New Cases Reviewed 57

Sanctions Issued:

Revocations issued	18
Suspension of four (4) years issued	1
Suspension of three and one half (3 1/2) years issued	1
Suspension of three (3) years issued	7
Suspension of two and one half (2 1/2) years issued	5
Suspension of two (2) years issued	8
Suspension of one and one half (1 1/2) years issued	0
Suspension of 15 months	0
Suspension of one (1) year issued	4
Suspension of nine (9 mo) months issued	0
Suspension of six (6 mo) months issued	1
Suspension of three (3 mo) months issued	2
Indefinite suspension	0
Letter of caution issued	9
No sanction issued	1

Compliance with POST Recommendations:

Administrative Law Judge rulings accepted as recommended	1 (33%)
Administrative Law Judge rulings recommendation rejected	2 (67%)
Hearing waiver accepted as recommended	15 (60%)
Hearing waiver recommendation rejected	10 (40%)
Order of Default accepted as recommended	25 (86%)
Order of Default recommendation rejected	4 (14%)
Total cases where Council voted for greater sanction	9 (16%)
Total cases Where Council voted for lesser sanction	6 (10%)
Total cases accepted as recommended	42 (74%)

Certifications Sanctioned:

Certified Law Enforcement Officers sanctioned	29
Certified Correctional Officers sanctioned	19
Certified Special Function Officers sanctioned	3
Certified Dispatchers sanctioned	6

Note: officers with dual certification (LEO & Corrections) are included in the LEO numbers above

Cases Related to Alcohol or Drug Use:

Primary alcohol related offenses	9 (60%)
Alcohol secondary contributor	3 (20%)
Primary prescription drug offense	1 (6%)
Prescription drug secondary contributor	1 (6%)
Primary controlled substance (street drug) offense	0 (0%)
Controlled substance secondary contributor	1 (6%)

Definition: Primary offense means the consumption of alcohol or drugs was the primary cause of the offense-as in DUI or possession of controlled substance. Secondary contributor means alcohol or drugs were a factor in the case but not the primary cause-as in a domestic violence assault where the subject had consumed alcohol or was intoxicated.

Incidents of Misconduct Presented to the Council:

Driving Under the Influence	10
False Information to Obtain Certification	10
Disorderly Conduct	6
BCI/UCJIS Violation	5
Domestic Violence in the Presence of a Child	4
Assault	3
Intoxication	3
Lying under <i>Garrity</i>	3
Criminal Mischief	2
Failure to Stop at Command of Peace Officer	2
Falsification of Government Record	2
Open Container	2
Possession or Use of Controlled Substance	2
Retail Theft	2
Sexual Conduct on Duty	2
Unlawful Sexual Conduct	2
Unlawful taking of Wildlife	2
Aggravated Assault	1
Animal Cruelty	1
Carrying a Dangerous Weapon While Intoxicated	1
Child Abuse	1
Carrying a concealed firearm	1
Communications Fraud	1
Domestic Violence Assault	1
Driving on Suspension/Alcohol Restriction	1
Electronic Communication Harassment	1
Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult	1
Forgery	1
Harassment	1
Impersonation of Police Officer	1
Interfering with Arrest	1
Hit and Run	1
Lewdness	1
Obstruction of Justice	1
Possession of Dangerous Weapon in Airport	1
Possession of Firearm by Restricted Person	1
Theft	1

Theft by Extortion	1
Threatening with a Dangerous Weapon	1
Threats of Violence	1
Violation of Protective Order	1
Voyeurism	1
Wildlife Violations, Misc.	1