

Peace Officer Standards and Training 2020 Investigations Action Report

POST Investigations Activity

In 2020 POST Investigations conducted the following investigative activity:

Total Complaints Reviewed		268
Total New Cases Opened		104
Total Cases Presented to POST Council		60
2018 cases	6	
2019 cases	25	
2020 cases	29	
Total Cases Closed with No-Action Following Investigation		17
2019 cases	8	
2020 cases	9	
Total Cases Closed by Voluntary Relinquishment		26

POST Council Activity

In 2020 the POST Council administered the following disciplinary sanctions during four regularly scheduled quarterly council meetings (including the meeting held in January 2021):

<u>New Cases Reviewed:</u>		60
<u>Sanctions Issued:</u>		
Revocations issued		13
Suspension of four (4) years issued		0
Suspension of three and one half (3 1/2) years issued		2
Suspension of three (3) years issued		4
Suspension of two and one half (2 1/2) years issued		5
Suspension of two (2) years issued		9
Suspension of one and one half (1 1/2) years issued		5
Suspension of 15 months		0
Suspension of one (1) year issued		6
Suspension of nine (9 mo) months issued		0
Suspension of six (6 mo) months issued		1
Suspension of three (3 mo) months issued		8
Indefinite suspension		1
Letter of caution issued		6
<u>Compliance with POST Recommendations:</u>		
Administrative Law Judge rulings accepted as recommended		7 (70%)
Administrative Law Judge rulings recommendation rejected		3 (30%)
Hearing waiver accepted as recommended		16 (73%)
Hearing waiver recommendation rejected		6 (27%)
Order of Default accepted as recommended		22 (79%)
Order of Default recommendation rejected		6 (21%)
Total cases where Council voted for greater sanction		4 (7%)
Total cases Where Council voted for lesser sanction		9 (15%)
Total cases accepted as recommended		47 (78%)

Certifications Sanctioned:

Certified Law Enforcement Officers sanctioned	34
Certified Correctional Officers sanctioned	16
Certified Special Function Officers sanctioned	4
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:

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Primary alcohol related offenses	8 (50%)
Alcohol secondary contributor	2 (13%)
Primary prescription drug offense	1 (6%)
Prescription drug secondary contributor	1 (6%)
Primary controlled substance (street drug) offense	3 (19%)
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:

Falsification of a Government Record	12
BCI Violation	9
DUI	8
Lying Under <i>Garrity</i>	8
Misuse of Prescription Drug	8
Theft	5
Assault	4
Disorderly Conduct	3
Domestic Violence in the Presence of a Child	3
Willful Falsification of Any Information to Obtain Certification	3
Possession or Use of a Controlled Substance	3
Retail Theft	3
Criminal Mischief	2
Assault (domestic violence related)	2
Sexual Conduct on Duty	2
Protective Order Violation	2
Assault Against Health Care Worker or EMS	1
Assault on a Peace Officer	1
Carrying a Concealed Weapon While Intoxicated	1
Child Abuse	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm	1
Impersonation of a Peace Officer	1
Intoxication	1
Lewdness	1
Official Misconduct	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Reckless Driving	1
Threats of Violence	1
Unfit for Duty	1
Unlawful Detention	1
Vicious Animal at Large	1
Wanton Destruction of Wildlife	1
Written False Statement	1
Wrongful Appropriation	1