

Peace Officer Standards and Training 2021 Investigations Action Report

POST Investigations Activity

In 2021 POST Investigations conducted the following investigative activity:

Total Complaints Reviewed	259
Total New Cases Opened	121
Total Cases Presented to POST Council	53
Total Cases Closed With No-Action Following Investigation	25
Total Cases Closed by Voluntary Relinquishment	36

POST Council Activity

In 2021 the POST Council administered the following disciplinary sanctions during four regularly scheduled quarterly council meetings:

<u>New Cases Reviewed</u>	53
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Sanctions Issued:

Revocations issued	13
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	5
Suspension of two and one half (2 1/2) years issued	6
Suspension of two (2) years issued	11
Suspension of one and one half (1 1/2) years issued	3
Suspension of 15 months	0
Suspension of one (1) year issued	4
Suspension of nine (9 mo) months issued	1
Suspension of six (6 mo) months issued	0
Suspension of three (3 mo) months issued	2
Indefinite suspension	4
Letter of caution issued	3
Returned to POST	1

**two cases were given two sanctions*

Compliance with POST Recommendations:

Administrative Law Judge rulings accepted as recommended	6 (100%)
Administrative Law Judge rulings recommendation rejected	0 (0%)
Hearing waiver accepted as recommended	17 (74%)
Hearing waiver recommendation rejected	6 (26%)
Order of Default accepted as recommended	19 (83%)
Order of Default recommendation rejected	5 (17%)
Total cases where Council voted for greater sanction	6 (11%)
Total cases Where Council voted for lesser sanction	4 (8%)
Total cases accepted as recommended	42 (79%)
Returned to POST	1 (2%)

Certifications Sanctioned:

Certified Law Enforcement Officers sanctioned	29
Certified Correctional Officers sanctioned	17
Certified Special Function Officers sanctioned	1
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	11 (21%)
Alcohol secondary contributor	5 (9%)
Primary prescription drug offense	1 (2%)
Prescription drug secondary contributor	0 (0%)
Primary controlled substance (street drug) offense	4 (8%)
Controlled substance secondary contributor	0 (0%)

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	6
Falsification of Government Record	5
Disorderly Conduct	4
Domestic Violence Assault	3
Intoxication	3
Possession or Use of Controlled Substance	3
Sexual Conduct on Duty	3
Wildlife Violations, Misc.	3
BCI/UCJIS Violation	2
Domestic Violence in the Presence of a Child	2
Rape	2
Criminal Trespass	2
Official Misconduct	2
Carrying a Dangerous Weapon While Intoxicated	2
Lying under <i>Garrity</i>	2
Criminal Mischief	2
Fitness for Duty	2
Open Container	2
Electronic Communication Harassment	2
Assault	1
Sexual Battery	1
Aggravated Assault	1
Child Abuse	1
Impersonating a Police Officer	1
Communications Fraud	1
Contraband in Correctional Facility	1
Misuse of Public funds	1
Privacy Violation	1
Custodial Sexual Misconduct	1
False Reporting/Abuse of 911	1
Prostitution, exploiting/soliciting	1
Obstruction of Justice	1
Stalking	1
Possession of Firearm by Restricted Person	1
Vicious Animal at Large	1
Unlawful Detention	1
Threats of Violence	1
Violation of Protective Order	1
Written False Statement	1