



# Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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## NEW STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

(MN Rules 6700.0700 and 6700.1600)

Officers who engage in the conduct listed below are subject to discipline by the POST Board. **The “engaged in” standard is different from past rules and does not require an arrest or conviction. Officers are required to self-report any prohibited conduct to POST and the CLEO within 10 days.**

### Prohibited Conduct related to law enforcement authority:

#### Use of Force:

- Engage in unreasonable or excessive use of force; unauthorized use of force, or unauthorized use of deadly force;
- Fail to intercede when observing another officer using force beyond that which is objectively reasonable (Minn. Stat. 626.8475);
- Fail to report any use of force violations by another employee or officer in writing within 24 hours to the chief law enforcement officer (Minn. Stat. 626.8475);

#### Misuse Officer Authority:

- Misuse an officer’s authority by the use or attempted use of one’s position or authority as an officer to obtain a benefit, avoid a detriment, or harm another;
- Misuse an officer’s authority by maliciously procuring a search warrant, exceeding the officer’s authority in executing a search warrant, or executing a search warrant with unnecessary severity (Minn. Stat. 626.22);
- Intentionally gain unauthorized access to or unlawfully misuse government data; or
- Intentionally make undisclosed or improper inducements to witnesses or suspects;

#### Misconduct:

- Fail to report crimes of bias or alleged crimes of bias (Minn. Stat. 626.5531);
- Fail to report the officer’s arrest or criminal charge, or any violation of standards of conduct to the board and the officer’s chief law enforcement officer within ten days (Minn. Rule 6700.1610);
- Falsify or knowingly provide false information to the board, a law enforcement agency, or a court;
- Intentionally mishandle evidence or property;
- Fail to cooperate with a board investigation;
- Conduct prohibited by or listed as grounds for disciplinary action in rule or statute;
- Cheat or attempt to subvert the examination or licensing process;

- Be the subject of revocation, suspension, or surrender of a law enforcement license or certificate in resolution of a complaint or other adverse action relating to licensing or certification in another jurisdiction;
- Misconduct of a public officer or public employee (Minn. Stat.609.43); or
- Fail to comply with any other requirement in rule or statute for officers.

**Conduct unrelated to Law Enforcement Responsibilities (with or without any arrest or criminal charges)**

- Conduct that would be a felony in Minnesota or another jurisdiction;
- Conduct identified as a gross misdemeanor in Minnesota;
- Discriminatory conduct (Minn Rules 6700.0100 subp. 26)
- Engage in bias crimes, including assaults or criminal damage to property motivated by bias (Minn. Stat. 609.2231, subd. 4, and 609.595, subd. 2 (b));
- Join, support, advocate for, maintain membership, or participate in the activities of:
  - A hate or extremist group (6700.0100 subp. 29); or
  - A criminal gang (Minn. Stat. 609.229 Subd. 1);
- Theft, prostitution or controlled substance offenses;
- Sexual harassment (Minn. Stat. 363A.03, subd. 43);
- Domestic assault (Minn. Stat. 609.2242);
- Violation of a domestic abuse no contact order (Minn. Stat. 629.75, subd. 2);
- Violation of an order for protection (Minn. Stat. 518B.01 subd. 14);
- Harassment or stalking (Minn. Stat. 609.749);
- Violation of a harassment restraining order (Minn. Stat. 609.748 subd. 6);
- Interference with an emergency call (Minn. Stat. 609.78, subd. 2 (1));
- Nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images (Minn. Stat. 617.261);
- Criminal sexual conduct (Minn. Stat. 609.341 to 609.3451);
- Indecent exposure (Minn. Stat. 617.23);
- Sexual extortion (Minn. Stat. 609.3458);
- Have been required at any point in time to be registered as a predatory offender;
- Interference with privacy (Minn. Stat. 609.746);
- Carrying a pistol while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or an intoxicating substance;
- Driving while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or an intoxicating substance;
- Fleeing by means other than a vehicle;
- Mistreatment of a vulnerable adult (Minn. Stat. 609.2231; 609.231; 609.2325; 609.2335; 609.234; and 609.72, subd. 3);
- Malicious punishment of a child (Minn. Stat. 609.377);
- Mistreating animals (Minn. Stat. 343.21);
- Making false claims for profit to a public body or officer (Minn. Stat. 609.465);
- Attempting medical assistance fraud (Minn. Stat. 609.466);
- Obstructing legal process;

**Prior Conduct:** Conduct of currently licensed law enforcement officers that occurred before June 1, 2023 is subject to standards of conduct in effect at the time the conduct occurred.