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STATE OF ALASKA

ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

In the Matter of,

Jason M. Carpenter

Respondent.

No. APSC 2006-15

ACCUSATION

Kelly Alzaharna, Executive Director of the Police Standards Council (APSC), Department of Public Safety of the State of Alaska, is seeking to revoke the police certificate of Respondent Jason M. Carpenter under the legal authority of AS 18.65.240(a) and (c), the Council's regulations in 13 AAC 85.110, and under the procedures governed by the Administrative Procedure Act in AS 44.62.330, *et. seq.* The Administrator alleges as follows:

1. On or about August 1, 2003, the Respondent was hired by the Alaska State Troopers as a State Trooper.

2. On or about August 1, 2004 the Respondent was certified by APSC as a police officer in the state of Alaska.

3. On or about the period from July 18 through July 29, 2005, while on duty as an Alaska State Trooper, the Respondent attended a police motorcycle training course in the State of Michigan.

4. During the training described in paragraph 4, the Respondent committed a course safety violation, namely a "burn out", which is a prohibited action. The lead instructor at the training course, Dick Rothermel, had instructed the Respondent and other students at the beginning of the training course that committing a burn out was prohibited.

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5. After committing the violation, the Respondent denied having done so, to two instructors, Sgt. Shuey and Instructor Rothermel.

6. Later, during the motorcycle training, the Respondent admitted to the same two instructors, Sgt. Shuey and Instructor Rothermel, that he had in fact committed the violation.

7. On or about December 13, 2005, the Respondent admitted in an interview with Alaska State Trooper Sgt. Lavin that he had committed the violation and had been untruthful with the training staff at the training course.

8. On or about December 13, 2005, the Respondent admitted to Sgt. Lavin that, at the time he committed the burn out, he knew that it was a prohibited action.

9. On or about January 24, 2006, the Respondent's employment with the Alaska State Troopers was terminated for cause relating to the conduct described in paragraphs 3-8.

10. AS 18.65.240 (c) provides that the APSC "may deny or revoke the certificate of a police officer who does not meet the standards adopted under (a) (2) of this section.

11. 13 AAC 85.110(b)(3) provides that "the council shall revoke a ...certificate upon a finding that the holder of the certificate...has been discharged or resigned under threat of discharge, for cause relating to dishonesty or misconduct, from employment as a police officer in this state or any other state or territory."

12. The reasons for Respondent's termination are within the definition of "cause relating to dishonesty or misconduct" as defined in 13 AAC 85.900(6) to mean:

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State of Alaska Alaska Police Standards Council Acts or conduct that would cause a reasonable person to have substantial doubts about an individual's honesty, fairness, and respect for the rights of others and for the laws of the state and the United States or that are detrimental to the integrity of the department or agency where the officer works[.]

COUNT I

Paragraphs 1-9 are incorporated by reference. Based upon the facts described above, the Respondent was discharged or resigned under threat of discharge from the Alaska State Troopers for cause relating to dishonesty as defined in 13 AAC 85.900(7), which is grounds for mandatory revocation under 13 AAC 85.110 (b) (3).

DATED this 26th day of November, 2012, at Juneau, Alaska.

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Kelly Alzaharna, Executive Director Alaska Police Standards Council