



**BEFORE THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS’
STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

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In the Matter of)
)
DENISE BURNS)
 #29991)
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Case No. 2023-0159

SUMMARY ORDER OF REPRIMAND

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537

The above-captioned matter comes on for action by the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers’ Standards and Training (Commission) through a summary proceeding under the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act, K.S.A. 77-537, *et seq.*, regarding the law enforcement certification of Denise Burns (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Respondent holds a full-time certification from the Commission, certification number 29991.
2. Respondent is currently employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Columbus Police Department.
3. On July 12, 2023, Respondent had not satisfied her annual training hour requirement for TY 2023 (July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023). Respondent requested an extension for the 7.5 remaining hours she was required to complete to satisfy her TY 2023 obligation. Respondent was granted an extension and given a deadline of September 14, 2023, to complete her training hours for TY 2023. Respondent failed to meet the extension deadline.

Respondent satisfied her TY 2023 obligation on September 18, 2023. Ultimately, Respondent failed to comply with her annual training hour requirement for TY 2023.

4. As of the date this Summary Order of Reprimand was issued, Respondent has obtained 16.5 training hours toward her obligation for TY 2024 (July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024). Respondent must obtain 23.5 additional training hours by June 30, 2024, to satisfy her TY 2024 annual training requirement

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(1), the Commission may suspend, condition, or revoke the certification of a police officer or law enforcement officer, reprimand or censure a police or law enforcement officer, or deny the certification of a police officer or law enforcement officer who fails to meet and maintain the requirements of K.S.A. 74-5605 or K.S.A. 74-5607a, and amendments thereto.
6. K.S.A. 74-5607a(b) states that beginning the second year after certification, every full-time police officer or law enforcement officer shall complete annually 40 hours of law enforcement education or training in subjects relating directly to law enforcement. Failure to complete such training shall be grounds for suspension of a certificate issued under the Kansas law enforcement training act until such training is completed.
7. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5607a(d), the Commission may extend, waive or modify the annual continuing education requirement, when it is shown that the failure to comply with the requirements of K.S.A. 74-5607a(a) or (b) was not due to the intentional avoidance of the law.
8. Respondent did not meet her 2023 annual training requirement in the time allowed.
9. Under K.S.A. 77-537, the Commission may conduct these summary proceedings, subject to respondent's request for a hearing. The Commission finds that the use of summary proceedings in these circumstances does not

violate any provisions of law and the protection of the public interest does not require the Commission to give notice and opportunity to participate to any person other than respondent.

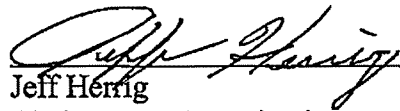
ORDER

Based on Respondent failing to complete the training requirement for TY 2023, the Commission orders that a REPRIMAND be issued to Respondent.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING ISSUES A REPRIMAND TO DENISE BURNS UPON HER LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION.

DATED this 26 of January, 2024.

KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS'
STANDARDS AND TRAINING



Jeff Herrig
Chairperson, Investigative Committee

NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM THIS SUMMARY ORDER

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, the Summary Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for a hearing to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, 1999 N. Amidon, Suite 350, Wichita, Kansas 67203. This written request must be filed within fifteen (15) days from the date indicated in the Certificate of Service below. If a written request for hearing is not so made, this Summary Order becomes final and effective upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 29th day of January, 2024, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Summary Order of Reprimand was deposited in the United States mail, with tracking, postage prepaid, addressed to:

DENISE BURNS
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