

INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW AUTHORITY

Log #1075425

INTRODUCTION

Chicago Police Officer A is assigned to the Xrd Watch in the XXXth District. On 30 May 2015, at approximately 1340 hours, Officer A accidentally pulled the trigger of a Taser causing the probes to deploy while she was handling Tasers in the radio room.

ALLEGATIONS

On 30 May 2015, at 1733 hours, Sergeant A #XXXX, Unit XXX, contacted the Independent Police Review Authority and registered this complaint with IPRA Investigator A #XXX on behalf of the Department. The complainant, Sergeant A, alleged that on 30 May 2015, at 1340 hours, at XXXX N. Lincoln Avenue (XXXth District Radio Room), **Police Officer A, #XXXX, Unit XXX:**

1. Was inattentive to duty, in that she accidentally discharged a Taser in violation of Rule 10

APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

Rule 10: Inattention to duty.

INVESTIGATION

In his **Initiation Report**, dated 30 May 2015, Sergeant A #XXXX, Unit XXX, reported that Officer A while working the radio room and handling a Taser, the Taser slipped out of Officer A's hand and she inadvertently pulled the trigger causing it to discharge. (Att. 6)

Officer A completed a **Tactical Response Report** that reported that when she was working the radio room and handling a Taser, the Taser slipped out of her hand and she inadvertently pulled the trigger causing it to discharge and no injuries occurred as a result. (Att. 4)

A Taser **Deployment Data Sheet** showed that a one cartridge from a Taser with Serial #XXXXXXXXXX was deployed at 1308 hours on 30 May 2015. (Att. 7)

In a statement with the Independent Police Review Authority on 20 September 2016, **Police Officer A, #XXXX, Unit XXX**, stated that on 30 May 2015, she was working the desk and part of her duties was working in the radio room. Officer A stated that her functions in the radio room were to receive and distribute radios, Tasers, and cars as well as beat tags to officers and supervisors. Officer A stated that she was alone in the radio room taking a few Tasers to put in their respective places. While doing so, a Taser was falling and she reflexively moved to grab the Taser from falling but accidentally grabbed the trigger point and the Taser discharged causing the probes to deploy. The probes did not strike anyone, Officer A said. She immediately collected the discharged probes, identified herself as the officer who discharged the Taser and made notifications. Officer A stated that she then completed a Tactical Response Report. Officer A stated that she had never deployed a Taser during the performance of her duties and she had

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received no Taser training prior to this incident. Officer A stated that after the incident and sometime end of winter or beginning of spring 2015, she received a few hours of Taser training at the Police Academy. In conclusion, Officer A stated, "I've got 17-1/2 years on the job and I have never been reprimanded or asked to come to IPRA ever before."¹ (Att. 24)

CONCLUSION

ACCUSED OFFICER: Police Officer A, #XXXX, Unit XXX:

ALLEGATION #1: SUSTAINED

The Reporting Investigator recommends that the Allegation against **Police Officer A, #XXXX, Unit XXX**, that she was inattentive to duty, in that she accidentally discharged a Taser in violation of Rule 10 be **SUSTAINED**. All available evidence supports the allegation. Additionally, Officer A reported the incident immediately and admitted that she mishandled the Taser, and pulled the trigger causing the probe to deploy.

¹ Transcript of Police Officer A, Attachment 24, Page 25, Lines 15-17.