

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW AUTHORITY

LOG NO

1084347

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DATE OF REPORT

18-APR-2017

INSTRUCTIONS: To be used in all cases that are to be classified as either **EXONERATED, UNFOUNDED, NOT SUSTAINED, NO AFFIDAVIT**, or in **SUSTAINED** cases where the Disciplinary Recommendation does not exceed **Five (5) DAYS SUSPENSION**.

TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR,
INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW AUTHORITY

CHIEF,
BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

FROM - INVESTIGATOR'S NAME	RANK	STAR NO	EMPLOYEE NO	UNIT ASSIGNED	UNIT DETAILED
INVESTIGATOR A	9182	XXXX	XXXXX	XXX	

REFERENCE NOS.(LIST ALL RELATED C.L., C.B., I.R., INVENTORY NOS., ETC., PERTINENT OF THIS INVESTIGATION)

INCIDENT ADDRESS: XXXX N. XXXXXXXX ST, CHICAGO, IL XXXXX	DATE / TIME: 07-MAR-2017 22:03	BEAT: XXXX
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ACCUSED

NAME	RANK	STAR NO	EMP NO	UNIT ASSIGNED	UNIT DETAILED	SEX/RACE	DOB	APPOINTED DATE	ON DUTY ?	SWORN ?
OFFICER A	9161	XXXX	XXXX	018		F / BLK	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	YES	YES

REPORTING PARTY

NAME	ADDRESS*	CITY	TELEPHONE	SEX / RACE	DOB / AGE
SERGEANT A	RANK: 9171, STAR NO: XXXX, EMP NO: XXXX			F / WHI	XXXXXXXX / XX

VICTIMS

NAME	ADDRESS*	CITY	TELEPHONE	SEX / RACE	DOB / AGE
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WITNESSES

NAME	ADDRESS*	CITY	TELEPHONE	SEX / RACE	DOB / AGE
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* IF CPD MEMBER, LIST RANK, STAR, EMPLOYEE NOS. IN ADDRESS, PAX/BELL IN TELEPHONE BOX.

ALLEGATIONS

Allegation:

Sergeant A #XXXX, alleged that on 07 March 2017, at 2254 hours, at XXXX N. XXXXXXXX, XXX District Watch Commander's office, accused Officer A: was inattentive to duty in that she failed to properly handle a Taser causing it to discharge, in violation of Rules 6 and 10 and Uniform and Property Policy U04-02-04.

SUMMARY

Investigation:

Sergeant A #XXXX related that after checking out a Taser for duty, she accidentally pulled the trigger of the Taser instead of pushing the arc button while performing a spark test in order to check the Taser for proper functioning. In a To/From report dated 07 April 2017, Officer A acknowledged that her Taser requalification was on 31 March 2016. Officer A entered the ladies restroom to conduct a spark test. Officer A had a difficult time removing the Taser from the department issue holster to conduct the spark test. It was immediately after removing the device from the holster, of which Officer A was struggling to disengage, when the discharge took place. Officer A added that she felt she wasn't adequately trained on the Taser device and its holster. Officer A completed a TRR documenting the Taser discharge. No one was struck by the Taser probes and there was no property damage.

Conclusion:

The Reporting Investigator recommends a finding of Sustained for the allegation that Officer A was inattentive to duty in that she failed to properly handle a Taser causing it to discharge. Uniform and Property Policy, U04-02-04 II.A.5.d., requires that the trigger not be pulled during the performance of a spark test. Accused Officer A however, admitted that after struggling to remove the Taser from its holster, she discharged the Taser, a violation of this policy.

ATTACHMENTS

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS - SUPPORTING ALLEGATIONS LIST ATTACHMENTS NUMBER	INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS - SUPPORTING ACCUSED MEMBERS(S) LIST ATTACHMENTS NUMBER:	PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LIST ATTACHMENTS NUMBERS:	TOTAL NUMBER OF ATTACHMENTS SUBMITTED WITH THIS FILE:
4, 7	10	0	11

FINDINGS - RECOMMENDATIONS

Findings:

Allegation #1 Sustained – Violation of Rule 6, “Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral,” in that on 07 March 2017, at 2254 hours, at XXXX N. XXXXXXXX, XXX District Watch Commander’s office, Officer A failed to follow the provisions of Uniform and Property Policy U04-02-04 when she failed to properly handle a Taser causing it to discharge.

Sustained – Violation of Rule 10, “Inattention to duty,” in that on 07 March 2017, at 2254 hours, at XXXX N. XXXXXXXX, XXX District Watch Commander’s office, Officer A was inattentive to duty in that she failed to properly handle a Taser causing it to discharge.

Approved:

IPRA Supervisor

DATE INITIATED
(Date incident was received for investigation)

21-MAR-2017

DATE COMPLETED (Date of this report)

18-APR-2017

ELAPSED TIME
(Total time expressed in days)

28

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INVESTIGATOR'S SIGNATURE