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TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR,
CIVILIAN OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

CHIEF,
BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

FROM - INVESTIGATOR'S NAME	RANK	STAR NO	EMPLOYEE NO	UNIT ASSIGNED	UNIT DETAILED
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REFERENCE NOS.(LIST ALL RELATED C.L., C.B., I.R., INVENTORY NOS., ETC., PERTINENT OF THIS INVESTIGATION)

INCIDENT ADDRESS: 1160 N. LARRABEE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60610 DATE / TIME 24-SEP-2016 22:09 BEAT: 1822

ACCUSED

NAME	RANK	STAR NO	EMP NO	UNIT ASSIGNED	UNIT DETAILED	SEX/RACE	DOB	APPOINTED DATE	ON DUTY ?	SWORN ?
BARRY, NORA J	9161	3696		018		F / WHI	-1977	05-FEB-2001	YES	YES

REPORTING PARTY

NAME	ADDRESS*	CITY	TELEPHONE	SEX / RACE	DOB / AGE
CORLETT, MICHAEL	RANK: 9171, STAR NO: 2312, EMP NO:		Bad Phone No:	M / WHI	-1964 / 53

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

See attached.

SUMMARY

See attached.

ATTACHMENTS

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS - SUPPORTING ALLEGATIONS LIST ATTACHMENTS NUMBER 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 19, 20	INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS - SUPPORTING ACCUSED MEMBERS(S) LIST ATTACHMENTS NUMBER:	PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LIST ATTACHMENTS NUMBERS:	TOTAL NUMBER OF ATTACHMENTS SUBMITTED WITH THIS FILE: 24
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FINDINGS - RECOMMENDATIONS

See attached.

DATE INITIATED
(Date incident was received for investigation)

04-OCT-2016

DATE COMPLETED (Date of this report)

23-JAN-2018

ELAPSED TIME
(Total time expressed in days)

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Investigator will initiate the Command Channel Review form by
completing the Investigator's Section.

INVESTIGATOR'S SIGNATURE

INTRODUCTION:

On 24 Sep 2016, at approximately 2205 hours, Officer Nora Barry inadvertently touched the trigger of a Taser device within the 18th District Station, causing the device's probes to deploy.

ALLEGATIONS:

Sergeant Michael Corlett, #2312, Unit 018, alleged that on 24 Sep 2016, at 2205 hours, at 1160 N. Larrabee St. (18th District station), **Officer Nora Barry #3696, Unit 018:**

1. Was inattentive to duty, in that she failed to properly handle a Taser causing it to discharge.

APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS:

Rule 10: Inattention to duty.

INVESTIGATION

In his **Initiation Report**, dated 24 Sep 2016, Sergeant Michael Corlett reported that on 24 Sep 2016, Officer Barry inadvertently deployed a Taser device within the 18th District Station, striking a refrigerator in the Watch Commander's Office. According to the Initiation Report, Officer Barry stated that "while she was going to holster the Taser she inadvertently touched the Taser trigger." (Att. 4)

Officer Barry completed a **Tactical Response Report** that reported that the incident was an Accidental Discharge in the context of a non-criminal incident, and that no injuries occurred as a result. (Att. 5)

A **Taser Deployment Data Sheet** showed that one cartridge from a Taser bearing serial # [REDACTED] was deployed at 2205 hours on 24 Sep 2016. (Att. 6)

In a statement given to COPA on 3 Nov 2017 and 9 Nov 2017, **Police Officer Nora Barry** admitted that she inadvertently discharged a Taser on 24 Sep 2016 at approximately 2205 hours. Officer Barry stated that she had removed the Taser from a file cabinet where Taser devices were then stored in the 18th District Station, and that she placed the device on a table while she signed out the device. She stated that she then reached for the Taser and inadvertently touched its trigger, causing the discharge. Officer Barry acknowledged that she had learned or had become aware that she should keep her fingers away from a Taser's trigger unless and until she was ready to fire it. Officer Barry further stated that she did not have justification for the accident. (Att. 19, 20)

CONCLUSION:

COPA recommends a finding of **SUSTAINED** for Allegation #1 against **Officer Barry**, that she was inattentive to duty in that she failed to properly handle a Taser causing it to discharge. Officer Barry acknowledged that she was aware at the time of the incident that she should keep

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her fingers away from a Taser's trigger unless and until she was ready to fire the device, and that she touched the Taser's trigger when reaching for it, causing the Taser to discharge.

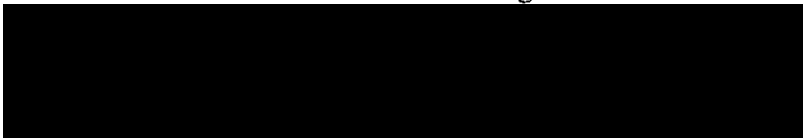
FINDINGS:

Accused

Officer Nora Barry, #3696, Unit 018

Allegation #1

Sustained – Violation of Rule 10, “Inattention to duty,” in that on 24 September 2016, at approximately 2205 hours, 1160 N. Larrabee St, Officer Nora Barry, #3696, Unit 018, failed to properly handle a Taser causing it to discharge.



Investigator Francis Tighe



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Supervising Investigator Shannon Hayes



Deputy Chief Administrator Joshua Hunt