

Incident Summary

Officer A was seated at a desk and preparing to clean his pistol. Officer A ejected the cartridge from his service pistol with a loaded magazine still inside the magazine well, resulting in a live cartridge being loaded into the pistol's chamber. Officer A then removed the magazine from the magazine well and pulled the trigger and, as he did so, one round discharged into his desk.

Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners' Findings

The BOPC reviews each Categorical Use of Force incident based upon the totality of the circumstances, namely all of the facts, evidence, statements and all other pertinent material relating to the particular incident. In every case, the BOPC makes specific findings in three areas: Tactics of the involved officer(s); Drawing/Exhibiting of a firearm by any involved officer(s); and the Use of Force by any involved officer(s). All incidents are evaluated to identify areas where involved officers can benefit from a tactical debriefing to improve their response to future tactical situations. This is an effort to ensure that all officers benefit from the critical analysis that is applied to each incident as it is reviewed by various levels within the Department and by the BOPC. Based on the BOPC's review of the instant case, the BOPC made the following findings.

A. Unintentional Discharge

The BOPC found Officer A's unintentional discharge to be negligent, warranting administrative disapproval.

Basis for Findings

A. Unintentional Discharge

- **Officer A** (pistol, one round)

In this instance, Officer A did not use the proper unloading procedures when unloading his pistol. Officer A ejected the cartridge from his service pistol with a loaded magazine still inside the magazine well, resulting in a live cartridge being loaded into the pistols chamber. Officer A then removed the magazine from the magazine well and pulled the trigger without performing the steps of locking the slide to the rear, visually inspecting the chamber, guiding the slide forward and conducting a final chamber check prior to pulling the trigger.

Additionally, Officer A failed to utilize the loading barrel while unloading his service pistol. Although the loading procedures were not followed and the use of the loading barrel may not have prevented the unintentional discharge, the use of the loading barrel would have enhanced the safety of personal around Officer A at the time of the unintentional discharge.

The BOPC evaluated the circumstances relevant to Officer A's unintentional discharge and determined that his actions were negligent in nature, warranting administrative disapproval.