



## **NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT: Officer injured during accidental discharge of firearm**

**On Tuesday, October 11, at approximately 2pm, an officer was injured by a bullet that was accidentally discharged from a gun. Officers had completed firearms training and were at police headquarters when one officer noticed what he thought was an abnormality with the physical condition of his handgun. He handed the gun to a second officer so that officer could inspect the weapon and render an opinion on the perceived abnormality. The handgun fired shortly after it was transferred to the second officer. The fired round struck the initial officer in the lower leg. First aid was rendered and the officer was transported to Christiana Hospital, where he was treated for the non-life threatening injury. He is expected to make a full recovery.**

**In accordance with departmental policy, the officer handling the weapon at the time of the accidental discharge was placed on administrative duty while the incident is investigated. The injured officer is off on medical leave.**

**The incident is under investigation and no further release of information is expected until the investigation is completed.**

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