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PRESS RELEASE

Release Date: July 19, 2012

Time: 7:30 AM

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Type of Incident: Accidental firearm discharge resulting in an officer's injury

Location: 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach

Date/Time of Occurrence: July 18, 2012 at 10:00 PM

Details:

On July 18, 2012, at about 10:00 PM, members of the Huntington Beach SWAT Team were cleaning and servicing their firearms at the police station after a day of training. One officer's firearm accidentally discharged. The round struck the floor and ricocheted striking another officer in the leg.

The injured officer was treated by Huntington Beach Fire Department paramedics at the scene and transported to UCI Medical Center. The officer underwent surgery and is now recuperating with his family and friends at his side. His injury is not life threatening and he is expected to make a full recovery.

This incident is being investigated by the Orange County Sheriff Department as per our department policy and agreement with them for a firearm discharge resulting in any injury. There will also be an internal investigation into this incident.

The names of the involved officers are not being released at this time.