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[REDACTED]
By email - [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: NEGLIGENT DISCHARGES

We refer to your email dated 12 February 2017 which was acknowledged on the 14 February 2017.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email of the 12 February 2017 you requested the following information:

“Details of incidents where police firearms have been accidentally fired (known as negligent discharges) since January 2013 up until the date this request was received.

Please include:

- The date and place of the incident.
- Full details of the incident (e.g. how the accident happened, injuries resulting from the accident).
- The type of firearm involved in the incident.
- Details of any disciplinary action taken against officers responsible for a negligent discharge.”

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Two Incidents fall within the scope of your request – these are:

Incident Date	Incident Location	Details	Type of Firearm	Outcome
11/05/2014	AWE Burghfield	One round of ammunition unintentionally discharged into the ground whilst carrying out armed foot patrol within the confines of the site	Carbine	Final Written Warning
08/12/2015	RAF St Mawgan (Training facility)	Unintentional discharge of one blank round during training course	Carbine	Management Action

Please note none of the incidents listed above resulted in injuries.

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) takes the safety and security of all sites very seriously and all matters of this nature are thoroughly investigated.

If you are not satisfied with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk).

Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end. If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website (<http://www.ico.org.uk>).

Yours sincerely

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