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Category A: A mechanical flaw caused the firearm to discharge, the firearm does not meet the manufacturer's standards, or the discharge of the firearm was beyond the control of the member, e.g. struggling with a suspect, slipping.

Category B: A member unconsciously or unintentionally discharged the firearm by unsafely handling or storing the firearm.

Category C: A firearm was deliberately discharged in accordance with directives.

Category D: A firearm was discharged other than as outlined in Categories A, B or C.

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