



**Combined Joint Task Force One
Safety Alert 12-002
22 Apr 12**



SUBJECT: Negligent Discharge Analysis 19 May 11 Through 17 Apr 2012

BOTTOM LINE: During the period of 19 May 11 through 18 April 2012 CJTF-1 experienced 120 negligent discharges with a monthly average of 10.

- Negligent discharges resulted in 19 injuries and 3 fatalities within CJTF-1.
- Negligent discharges resulted in 11 injuries and 1 fatality to Afghanistan citizens.
- Peak periods for negligent discharges were the TOA plus 90 days.
- Negligent discharges remained within the standard deviation with a drop in occurrences during the redeployment minus 90 day window.
- Soldiers in the rank of E1-E4 account for 91 negligent discharges or 76 percent of occurrences.
- Soldiers in the rank of E5-E7 account for 23 negligent discharges or 18 percent of occurrences.
- 72 percent of negligent discharges occurred outside a designated clearing barrel, pit or berm.
- The M4/M16 account for 52 or 43 percent of occurrences.
- The M240 Machine gun family of weapons account for 32 negligent discharges or 27 percent of occurrences.
- The CROW system configurations accounted for 14 negligent discharges resulting in one Afghanistan citizen's death.
- Improper Clearing Procedures and Improper Handling account for 70 percent of occurrences.

The above analysis identifies areas for which the potential for severe or even fatal outcomes may be experience. Leaders at all levels must identify, mitigate, and enforce proper weapons handling and clearing procedures.

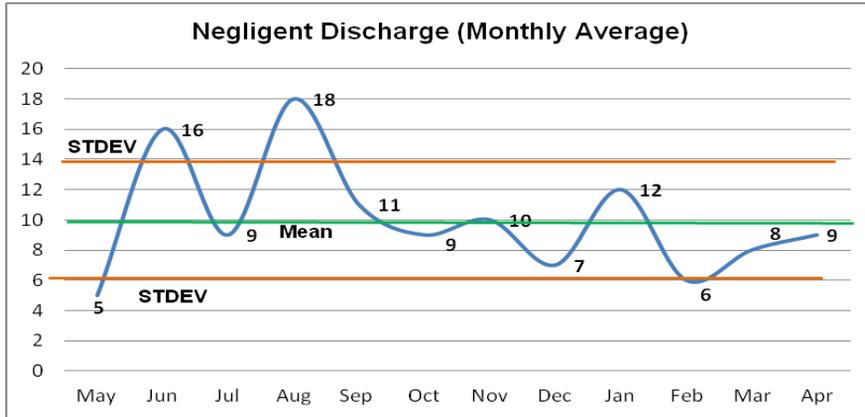
The following page shows the areas analyzed and reflects the potential areas in which command emphasis must be placed.



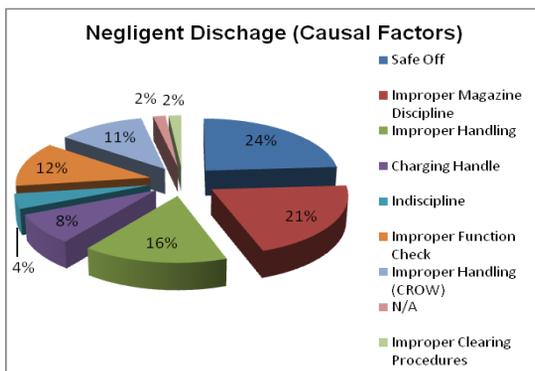
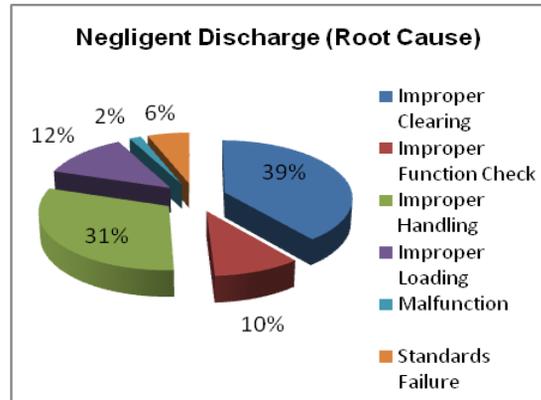
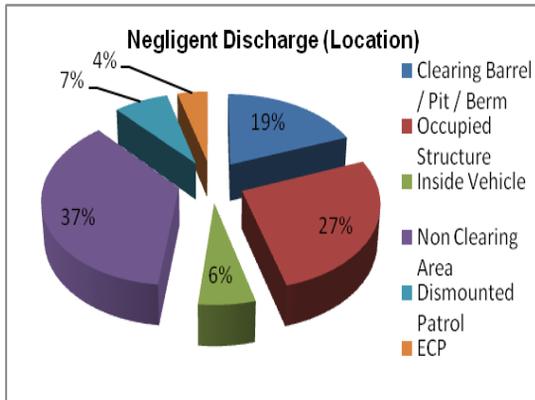
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Monthly negligent discharges have varied from a low of four in February of this year to a high of 18 in August 2011, with a monthly average of 10 as shown below.



The following slides represent the locations, root cause and causal effects for negligent discharges.



WAY AHEAD:

- Command emphasis on the conduct of proper clearing procedures to standard and holding personnel and leaders accountable for failure to comply with the standard.
- Command emphasis placed on ensuring personnel assigned to operate the CROW system have the required training and are qualified to use the weapon system.

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