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3 Ohio Officers Injured in Shotgun Discharge

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MAPLE HEIGHTS, Ohio — Several police officers in northeast Ohio were injured during a training exercise when an officer fired a shotgun he thought was loaded with blanks.

But the gun was accidentally loaded with birdshot.

And when a Shaker Heights police officer fired it, 3 of his fellow officers got a taste of it.

Luckily, the officer had aimed at the floor — a training requirement.

But the birdshot ricocheted upward, hitting the officers in their lower legs and abdomens.

Deputy Chief Scott Lee says the accidents took place in nearby Maple Heights — but only Shaker Heights police officers were affected.

He said all three officers were treated at a hospital and were back at work the next day.