



## 2019 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

Dated: 11/12/2020

<b>Number of Fatalities</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Number of Incidents</b>	<b>12</b>

Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty	Self-Inflicted	Type of Firearm	Shooter Age	Victim Age	Firearms Safety Cause	Yes	No
1. 2-10-19	Coyote	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	68 Y		Placing firearm in vehicle		
<b>Summary:</b> Victim shot a coyote, retrieved it and when he got into the vehicle he placed the gun on his lap and it discharged.									
2. 7-18-19	Gopher	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	12 N	9 N	Ricochet		
<b>Summary:</b> Shooter shot at a gopher in an open field when the discharged round struck a large rock and ricochet striking the victim in the thigh, arm and forehead.									
3. 9-7-19	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	18 N		Careless handling		
<b>Summary:</b> Shooter/Victim was in a ground blind with firearm resting near his side. Victim went to grab firearm. While doing so he pulled the trigger, shooting himself in the toe.									
4. 9-21-19	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	36 N	62 N	Victim in line of fire		
<b>Summary:</b> Shooter shot at a duck near the water. Shooter was unaware of the victim's location. Victim was hit in the nose with BB's.									
5. 9-28-19	Grouse	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	15 Y		Shooter stumbled and fell		
<b>Summary:</b> Shooter/victim was walking in the woods hunting grouse when he tripped and accidentally shot himself in the foot.									
6. 10-19-19	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Ctr Fire Rifle	16 Y	61 N	Ricochet		
<b>Summary:</b> Shooter shot at a grouse when the bullet ricocheted off the ground and grazed the top of the victim's head.									
7. 10-31-19	Squirrel	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	29 N	35 N	Ricochet		
<b>Summary:</b> Shooter shot at a squirrel that was on the trunk of a tree. Pellets ricocheted off the tree trunk and struck victim in the leg and forearm.									
8. 11-3-19	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	UNK	35 Y	Shooter stumbled and fell		
<b>Summary:</b> Party of hunters in a boat when one of the hunters was possibly falling out of the boat causing the gun to go off and hit victim in the shoulder.									
9. 11-3-19	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	Dog	61 Y	Dog (paw discharged firearm)		
<b>Summary:</b> Two parties with two boats were duck hunting when a dog stepped on the gun and it fired a shot hitting victim in the other boat.									

10. 11-9-19 Deer Nonfatal No Shotgun 56 Y 11 N Failure to identify target

**Summary:** Shooter shot at what he thought was a deer hitting the victim in right thigh.

11. 11-9-19 Deer Nonfatal No Shotgun 65 Y 21 Y Victim out of sight of shooter

**Summary:** Shooter and victim were hunting. Shooter shot at a deer and the victim received a gunshot wound to the arm.

12. 11-24-19 Pheasant Nonfatal No Shotgun UNK 33 N Victim covered by shooter

**Summary:** Party of hunters hunting pheasants in a field when three hunters fired causing victim to be hit by shot pellets.

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**Number of Hunting Incidents**

	2 party	Self-inflicted	Total
Fatal	0	0	0
Non-fatal	8	3	<u>11</u>
Total	8	3	11

**Type of Firearm – 2 Party**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Shotgun	0	7	7
Ctr. Fire Rifle	0	1	<u>1</u>
Total	0	8	8

**Type of Firearm – Self-inflicted**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Shotgun	0	2	2
Handgun	0	1	<u>1</u>
Total	0	3	3

**Animal Hunted – 2 Party**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Waterfowl	0	3	3
Gopher	0	1	1
Pheasant	0	1	1
Grouse	0	1	1
Squirrel	0	1	1
Deer	0	1	<u>1</u>
Total	0	8	8

**Animal Hunted –Self-inflicted**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Waterfowl	0	1	1
Coyote	0	1	1
Grouse	0	1	<u>1</u>
Total	0	3	3

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**Contributing Factors – 2 Party Incidents**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Victim in line of fire	0	1	1
Ricochet	0	3	3
Shooter stumbled and fell	0	1	1
Dog/paw discharged firearm	0	1	1
Failure to identify target	0	1	1
Victim covered by shooter swinging on game	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>

**Contributing Factors – Self-inflicted Incidents**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Placing firearm in vehicle	0	1	1
Careless handling of a firearm	0	1	1
Shooter stumbled and fell	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

**Type of Terrain Where Incident Happened**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Wetland	0	2	2
Open field	0	4	4
Wooded	0	1	1
Dense cover/vegetation	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>

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**Color of Victim's Clothing – 2 Party**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Camo	0	2	2
Black	0	1	1
Blaze Orange	0	3	3
Unknown	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>

**Firearms Safety Training  
By Age of Shooter – 2 Party**

	Yes	No	Total
10-19	1	1	2
20-29	0	1	1
30-39	0	1	1
50-59	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>

(Plus 1 dog & 2 Unknown)

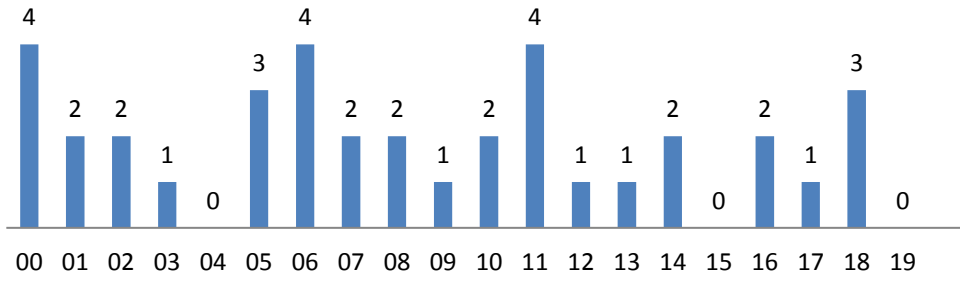
**Firearms Safety Training  
By Age of Victim – 2 Party**

	Yes	No	Total
0-09	0	2	2
30-39	1	2	3
60-69	1	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

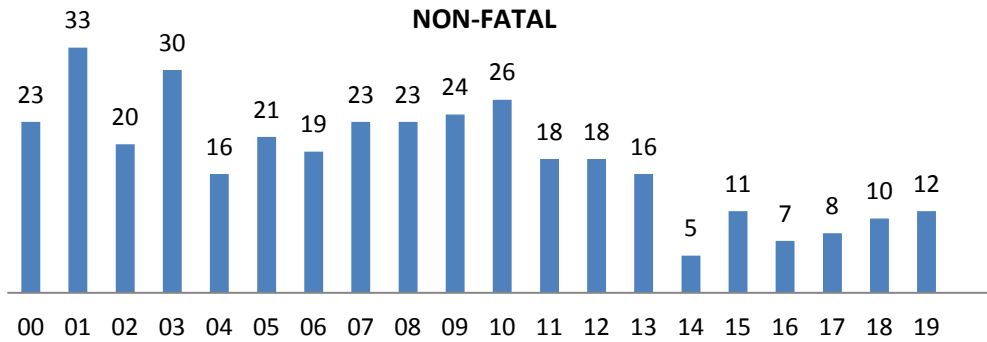
**Firearms Safety Training  
By Age of Shooter – Self-inflicted**

	Yes	No	Total
10-29	1	1	2
60-69	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

### FATAL



### NON-FATAL



### Most Common Types of Firearms Hunting Incidents 2019

