



## 2020 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

Dated: 2/17/2021

**Number of Fatalities** 0  
**Total Number of Incidents** 11

**9.** 11-07-20 Deer Nonfatal Yes Shotgun 25 Y Careless/reckless handling of firearm

**Summary:** Victim/shooter had his shotgun slung over his shoulder with the barrel facing downward. Victim/shooter was standing at the passenger side door of vehicle when the gun went off.

**10.** 11-15-20 Deer Nonfatal Yes Shotgun 32 Y Loading firearm

**Summary:** Victim/shooter was shot when his gun went off twice while he was reaching up from the ground to untie his backpack and shotgun from a rope he lowered down from his tree stand with a rope.

**11.** 11-28-20 Racoon Nonfatal No Handgun 31 Y 12 N Loading firearm

**Summary:** Shooter thought the gun was empty after shooting five or six times so he asked the victim for more bullets. As the victim moved forward, the gun fired again without pulling the trigger.

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**Number of Hunting Incidents**

	2 party	Self-inflicted	Total
Fatal	0	0	0
Non-fatal	5	6	<u>11</u>
Total	5	6	11

**Type of Firearm – 2 Party**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Shotgun	0	2	2
Handgun	0	1	1
Total	0	3	3

**Type of Firearm – Self-inflicted**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Shotgun	0	6	6
Ctr. Fire Rifle	0	2	2
Total	0	8	8

**Animal Hunted – 2 Party**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Waterfowl	0	2	2
Raccoon	0	1	1
Total	0	3	3

**Animal Hunted – Self-inflicted**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Waterfowl	0	3	3
Coyote	0	1	1
Pheasant	0	1	1
Squirrel	0	1	1
Deer	0	2	2
Total	0	8	8

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**Contributing Factors – 2 Party Incidents**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Victim in line of fire	0	1	1
Failure to identify target	0	1	1
Loading firearm	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

**Contributing Factors – Self-inflicted Incidents**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Loading firearm	0	2	2
Careless handling of a firearm	0	2	2
Shooter stumbled and fell	0	1	1
Ricochet	0	1	1
Dog paw discharged firearm	0	1	1
Defective firearm	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>

**Type of Terrain Where Incident Happened**

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Wetland	0	3	3
Open field	0	2	2
Wooded	0	3	3
Other/Road	0	2	2
Lake	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>

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

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Camo	0	1	1
Black	0	1	1
Blaze Orange	0	1	1
Unknown	0	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	0	5	5

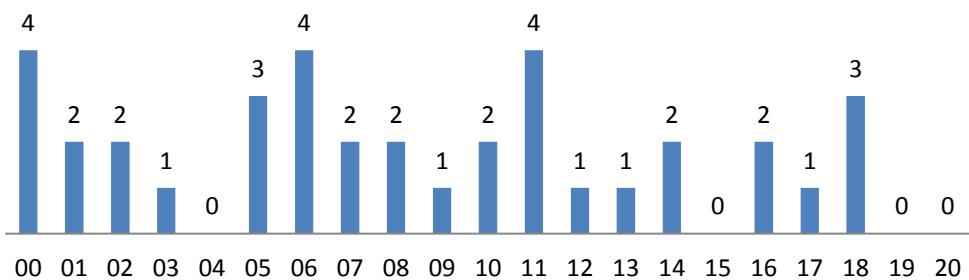
**Firearms Safety Training  
By Age of Shooter – 2 Party**

	Yes	No	Total
10-19	2	0	2
30-39	2	0	2
60-69	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>
Total	5	1	5

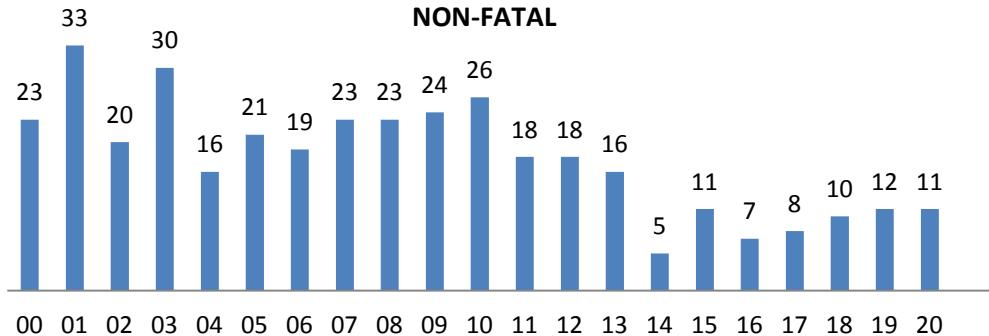
**Firearms Safety Training  
By Age of Shooter – Self-inflicted**

	Yes	No	Total
10-19	1	0	1
20-29	2	0	2
30-39	1	0	1
40-49	1	0	1
50-59	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>
Total	6	0	6

### FATAL



### NON-FATAL



### Most Common Types of Firearms Hunting Incidents

2020

■ Victim in line of fire

■ Ricochet

■ Loading firearm

■ Careless handling of a firearm

■ Shooter stumbled and fell

■ Failure to identify target

■ Dog/paw discharged firearm

■ Defective firearm

