



2020 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

Dated: 2/17/2021

Number of Fatalities 0
Total Number of Incidents 11

Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty	Self-Inflicted	Type of Firearm	Firearms Shooter Age	Safety Victim Age	Yes No Cause
1. 2-01-20	Coyote	Nonfatal	Yes	Ctr Fire Rifle	53 Y		Loading Firearm
Summary: Shooter/victim was on a road going to load his firearm when it went off shooting him in the foot.							
2. 9-26-20	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	66 Y	31 Y	Victim moved in line of fire
Summary: Shooter thought the victim was behind him, but the victim was 40 yards away in the direction the shooter fired a shot at a waterfowl causing one BB to strike victim in her left eyelid.							
3. 9-26-20	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	18 Y	42 N	Failure to check beyond target
Summary: Victim was struck by one pellet while sitting on three-season porch that sits alongside a road which outlines the lake where three hunters were hunting from a boat. All three fired at multiple times. Pellets also caused damage to victim's residence.							
4. 10-14-20	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	20 Y		Ricochet
Summary: Shooter/victim and another hunter shot at two geese, but when they approached the geese they appeared not to be dead. Both hunters shot at the geese on the ground in the woods and that is when the victim/shooter felt pain in his left thigh.							
5. 10-16-20	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	17 Y		Dog paw discharged firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter suffered minor injuries after his dog's paw caught his gun causing it to fall down from where it was rested and the dog's toe/paw hit the trigger of the gun causing it to discharge.							
6. 10-24-20	Pheasant	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	32 Y		Defective firearm
Summary: Shooter/victim was injured when his break action shotgun exploded.							
7. 11-04-20	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	16 Y		Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: Victim/shooter was injured when he set his gun down and he began moving away when the gun went off.							
8. 11-06-20	Squirrel	Nonfatal	Yes	Ctr Fire Rifle	43 Y		Careless/reckless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter was injured when he was running after a squirrel and he tripped and fell causing his firearm to discharge a round into his right hand.							

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 Raccoon 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	<u>1</u>
Total	0	3	3

Type of Firearm – Self-inflicted

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Shotgun	0	6	6
Ctr. Fire Rifle	0	2	<u>2</u>
Total	0	8	8

Animal Hunted – 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Waterfowl	0	2	2
Raccoon	0	1	<u>1</u>
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	<u>2</u>
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
Total	0	3	3

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
Total	0	8	8

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
Total	0	11	11

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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	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	0	5	5

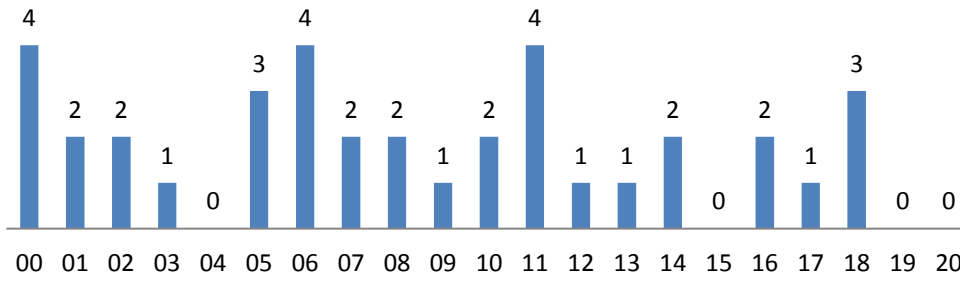
**Firearms Safety Training
By Age of Shooter – 2 Party**

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

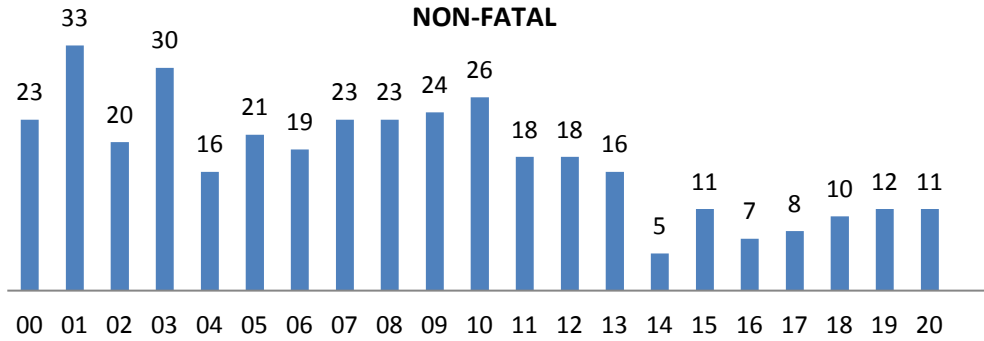
**Firearms Safety Training
By Age of Shooter – Self-inflicted**

	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>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	6	0	6

FATAL



NON-FATAL



Most Common Types of Firearms Hunting Incidents 2020

