



2022 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

Dated: 12/31/2022

Number of Fatalities 1
Total Number of Incidents 13

8	10/02/2022	Non-Fatal	Hunting	Waterfowl	Unk	69	Shotgun	Victim out of sight of Shooter
Victim was packing up camper did not know hunters were hunting approx. 200 yads away over a dirt pile. Hunters could not see camper and began to shoot at descending birds. 3 hunters shot. Victim yelled to get attention of hunters; Victim was hit with bird shot. Victim walked over to hunters.								

9	10/09/2022	Fatal	Hunting	Squirrel	47	12	Rimfire Rifle	Victim out of sight of shooter and in line of fire
Shooter was in same hunting party as victim. Party of 4 split into 2 groups to look for squirrels. Shooter saw squirrel, shot and missed, the squirrel then went down the tree and stopped, Shooter shot again, hitting 12 yr old on other side of tree not seeing victim.								

10	10/28/2022	Non-Fatal	Hunting, Self-inflicted	Deer	37	37	Centerfire Rifle	Unloading firearm
Shooter was unloading firearm, took rifle off safety, rifle discharged hitting left big toe through boot.								

11	10/20/2022	Non-Fatal	Hunting, Self-inflicted	Waterfowl	14	14	Shotgun	Quick Draw, Careless
Subject observed waterfowl approaching and climbed into blind. Firearm discharged striking self in left leg. Safety was off at the time. Subject likely pressed trigger while adjusting self in blind or raising firearm.								

12	10/23/2022	Non-Fatal	Hunting, Self-inflicted	Waterfowl	17	1712	Shotgun	Obstruction of Barrell
Shooter/victim duck hunting with friends; shooter shot at a duck and the end of his barrel exploded. Metal fragments appeared to have cut the top area of victim's wrist.								

13	10/26/2022	Non-Fatal	Hunting	Waterfowl	23/26	56	Shotgun	Victim out of sight of shooter
Both parties were opposite side of pond, not knowing the other was there. Shooters shot at waterfowl and struck victim who was out of sight.								

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Number of Hunting Incidents

	2 party	Self-inflicted	Total
Fatal	1	0	1
Non-fatal	5	7	12
Total	6	7	13

Type of Firearm – 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Rimfire Rifle	1	1	2
Handgun	0	1	1

Type of Firearm – Self-inflicted

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Rimfire Rifle	0	2	2
Handgun	0	2	2

Centerfire Rifle	0	1	1
Shotgun	0	2	2
Total	1	5	6

Centerfire Rifle	0	1	1
Shotgun	0	2	2
Total	0	7	7

Animal Hunted – 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Squirrel	1	1	2
Pheasant	0	1	1
Coyote	0	1	1
Waterfowl	0	2	2
Total	1	5	6

Animal Hunted – Self-inflicted

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Gopher	0	1	1
Raccoon	0	2	2
Squirrel	0	1	1
Deer	0	1	1
Waterfowl	0	2	2
Total	0	7	7

Contributing Factors – 2 Party Incidents

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Ricochet	0	1	1
Failure to identify target	0	1	1
Victim out of sight of shooter	1	3	4
Careless/Reckless handling	0	0	0
Unloading firearm	0	0	0
Total	1	5	6

Contributing Factors – Self-inflicted Incidents

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Drop firearm	0	1	1
Careless handling of a firearm	0	3	3
Obstruction of Barrel	0	1	1
Unloading Firearm	0	1	1
Ricochet	0	1	1
Total	0	7	7

Type of Terrain Where Incident Happened

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Open field	0	5	5
Wooded	1	4	5
Ground Blind	0	2	2
Drainage Ditch	0	1	1
Total	1	12	13

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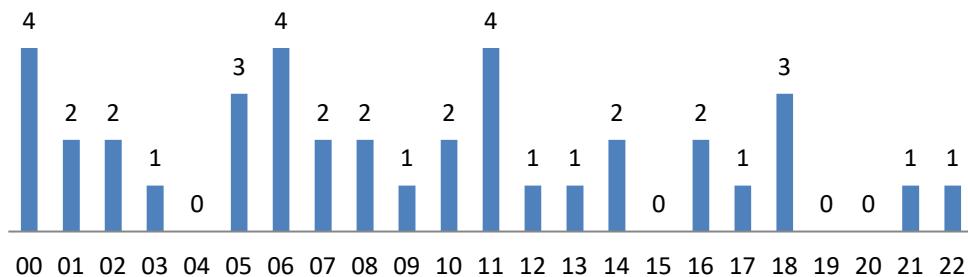
Firearms Safety Training
By Age of Shooter – 2 Party

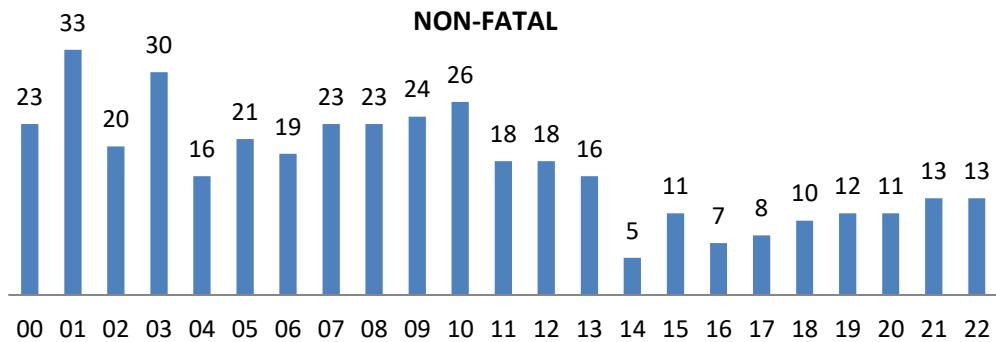
	Yes	No	UNKWN	Total
10-19	1	0	0	1
20-29	2	0	0	2
40-49	1	0	0	1
60-69	0	0	0	0
70-79	0	0	0	0
Unkwn	0	0	2	2
Total	4	0	2	6

Firearms Safety Training
By Age of Shooter – Self-inflicted

	Yes	No	UNKWN	Total
10-19	2	0	0	2
30-39	2	0	0	2
50-59	0	1	0	1
60-69	0	1	0	1
70-79	0	1	0	1
Unkwn	0	0	0	0
Total	4	3	0	7

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**Most Common Types of Firearms Hunting Incidents
2022**

- Ricochet
- Careless/Reckless handling of Firearm
- Obstruction of Barrel
- Unloading firearm
- Failure to identify target
- Victim out of sight of shooter
- Drop Firearm

