



## 2008 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

3/31/2009

<b>Number of Fatalities</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Number of Incidents</b>	<b>25</b>

### 1. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: DOG  
 FIREARM: SMALL BORE RIFLE  
 ACTION: SEMI-AUTO  
 ANIMAL: SQUIRREL  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: AITKIN  
 DAY: 3/8/2008

### VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 17  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards  
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED  
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

Victim's dog knocked over the victim's rifle. As victim was picking up his rifle by the barrel, his dog stepped on the trigger discharging the rifle striking the victim's abdomen.

### 2. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 15  
 FIREARM: SMALL BORE RIFLE  
 ACTION: BOLT  
 ANIMAL: RABBIT  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: GRANT  
 DAY: 4/17/2008

### VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 15  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards  
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED  
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: NO

Victim/shooter was walking when he tripped over a stick causing the firearm to discharge a round striking himself in the right foot.

### 3. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 39  
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN  
 ACTION: SLIDE  
 ANIMAL: TURKEY  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: SIBLEY  
 DAY: 4/19/2008

### VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 8  
 CASUALTY: **FATAL**  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards  
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED  
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

Shooter and victim were hunting a wood line along plowed ground on top of a ravine. Shooter told victim to stay while shooter circled the ravine to get a shot at a turkey. Shooter got near turkeys, heard a noise, and shot at what he thought was a turkey fanning out.

**4. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 15  
 FIREARM: SMALL BORE RIFLE  
 ACTION: SEMI-AUTO  
 ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: CROW WING  
 DAY: 9/6/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 30  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: CAMO  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards  
 TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD  
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: NO

Victim was hunting in an open field covered in a ground blind surrounded by goose decoys. Shooter was walking along the neighboring property, saw the decoys, shot at the decoys striking the victim.

**5. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 17  
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN  
 ACTION: UNKNOWN  
 ANIMAL: DOVE  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: COTTONWOOD  
 DAY: 9/6/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 51  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNKNOWN  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards  
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED  
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

While shooter was shooting at a low flying dove, some of the pellets from his shotgun hit the victim in the face and neck area. At the time the victim was partially concealed behind a pine tree. Shooter was not aware of victim behind the tree.

**6. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 17  
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN  
 ACTION: SEMI-AUTO  
 ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: MURRAY  
 DAY: 9/20/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 17  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: CAMO  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: UNKNOWN  
 TYPE OF COVER: MARSH  
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N/A

Shooter intentionally shot in direction of victim. Several pellets struck the victim.

**7. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 31  
 FIREARM: SMALL BORE RIFLE  
 ACTION: SEMI-AUTO  
 ANIMAL: DEER  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: CHISAGO  
 DAY: 10/11/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 31  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 YARDS  
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED  
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N/A

Victim/shooter was in a homemade tree stand when his firearm discharged striking his left leg causing him to fall out of the tree stand. A belt used as a sling may have interfered with the proper function of the safety and could have pulled the trigger on the firearm.

**8. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 18  
FIREARM: SHOTGUN  
ACTION: SLIDE  
ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE  
FAS: YES  
COUNTY: CARVER  
DAY: 10/18/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 18  
CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
COLOR OF CLOTHING: CAMO  
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 YARDS  
TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD  
SELF-INFLICTED: YES  
SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N/A

Shooter/victim was hunting in a duck blind and shot himself in the foot.

**9. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 74  
FIREARM: SHOTGUN  
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO  
ANIMAL: PHEASANT  
FAS: NO  
COUNTY: MURRAY  
DAY: 10/19/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 48  
CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE  
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 YARDS  
TYPE OF COVER: STANDING CROPS  
SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

Victim was recovering downed pheasant and partially obscured in sorghum. Another pheasant got up and shooter swung through victim shooting at the pheasant. Victim was hit by 6 pellets in the temple, forehead, chin, throat and wrist.

**10. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 49  
FIREARM: SHOTGUN  
ACTION: DOUBLE  
ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE  
FAS: YES  
COUNTY: MARSHALL  
DAY: 10/23/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 49  
CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB  
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50  
TYPE OF COVER: MARSH  
SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

Shooter was in a canoe. Victim was in a duck boat approximately 10 feet from the canoe when both fired at ducks flying overhead. Shooter lost balance and fell on side of canoe causing firearm to discharge. Victim was struck with 3 pellets in the right arm/elbow area.

**11. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 21  
FIREARM: SMALL BORE RIFLE  
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO  
ANIMAL: RABBIT  
FAS: YES  
COUNTY: WINONA  
DAY: 10/23/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 20  
CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB  
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: UNKNOWN  
TYPE OF COVER: OTHER  
SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

Victim was shot in the right knee when shooter was trying to scare a rabbit out of a brush pile. The shooter was at about a 90 degree angle approximately 10 yards apart from the victim.

**12. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 39  
FIREARM: SHOTGUN  
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO  
ANIMAL: PHEASANT  
FAS: YES  
COUNTY: POPE  
DAY: 10/29/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 31  
CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE  
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 50-100 YARDS  
TYPE OF COVER: OTHER  
SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

Shooter was over a hill following a dog. Victim heard a shot and came over the hill and saw a bird flushed out of a cornfield. Shooter turned and shot at the bird. Victim was hit by pellets in the nose, neck and left shoulder.

**13. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 67  
FIREARM: SMALL BORE RIFLE  
ACTION: UNKNOWN  
ANIMAL: DEER  
FAS: NO  
COUNTY: CASS  
DAY: 11/8/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 67  
CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE  
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards  
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED  
SELF-INFLICTED: YES  
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N/A

Victim/shooter was unloading his rifle when it discharged into his foot.

**14. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 19  
FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE  
ACTION: LEVER  
ANIMAL: DEER  
FAS: NO  
COUNTY: ITASCA  
DAY: 11/9/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 19  
CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE  
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards  
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED  
SELF-INFLICTED: YES  
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N/A

Victim/shooter was sitting in a portable treestand holding his firearm by the barrel with the butt resting on the platform. The butt of the firearm slid, the firing mechanism caught on an object, and it discharged striking victim/shooter above the left knee.

**15. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 25  
FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE  
ACTION: BOLT  
ANIMAL: DEER  
FAS: YES  
COUNTY: CROW WING  
DAY: 11/9/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 25  
CASUALTY: **FATAL**  
COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE-CAMO  
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards  
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED  
SELF-INFLICTED: YES  
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N/A

Victim suffered a gunshot wound to the upper right chest/shoulder area.

**16. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 12  
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG  
 ACTION: SLIDE  
 ANIMAL: DEER  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: MARTIN  
 DAY: 11/9/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 47  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 YARDS  
 TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD  
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

A deer ran between the victim and shooter. Shooter shot at and hit the deer in the neck. The slug passed through the deer then ricocheted off a pile of field stone striking the victim in the left leg below the knee.

**17. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 21  
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG  
 ACTION: SLIDE  
 ANIMAL: DEER  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: GRANT  
 DAY: 11/12/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 21  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 YARDS  
 TYPE OF COVER: MARSH  
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: NO

Victim/shooter was standing behind a tree when he noticed a deer running away from him. He came around the tree and as he brought up the gun to shoot at the deer, it fired striking him in the foot.

**18. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 23  
 FIREARM: SMALL BORE RIFLE  
 ACTION: SEMI-AUTO  
 ANIMAL: OTHER  
 FAS: NO  
 COUNTY: MCLEOD  
 DAY: 11/14/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 23  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 YARDS  
 TYPE OF COVER: OTHER  
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: NO

Victim/shooter was riding an ATV with a 22 resting on the right floorboard with the muzzle pointing upward with her leg holding it against the ATV. She hit a bump and the gun fell to the ground. As she picked it up, it discharged striking her in the foot.

**19. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 78  
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG  
 ACTION: SLIDE  
 ANIMAL: DEER  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: ISANTI  
 DAY: 11/15/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 18  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 50-100 YARDS  
 TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD  
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

Victim was struck in the rear of his left leg by a ricocheted slug when the shooter shot at a deer.

**20. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 63  
 FIREARM: HANDGUN  
 ACTION: SINGLE  
 ANIMAL: RACCOON  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: POPE  
 DAY: 11/22/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 63  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 YARDS  
 TYPE OF COVER: OTHER  
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

Victim/shooter shot at a racoon. It was still alive so he shot it again not realizing his foot was underneath the racoon due to the heavy cattails. A 22 caliber round went through the raccoon and into his left foot.

**21. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 56  
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG  
 ACTION: SEMI-AUTO  
 ANIMAL: DEER  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: HOUSTON  
 DAY: 11/23/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 27  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: UNKNOWN  
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED  
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

Shooter and victim were about 30 yards apart while others in their party drove deer to them. Victim and shooter began shooting at deer and the next thing victim remembers is laying on the ground. Shooter thinks a bullet must have ricocheted.

**22. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 37  
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN  
 ACTION: UNKNOWN  
 ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE  
 FAS: YES  
 COUNTY: MCLEOD  
 DAY: 11/28/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 35  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNKNOWN  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 YARDS  
 TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD  
 SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

Shooter who is right handed tried switching to his left hand to shoot. While doing that and getting up from a lay down blind, he slipped and his hand slid down and pulled the trigger firing a round toward the victim hitting victim in the left hand.

**23. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 30  
 FIREARM: SHOTGUN  
 ACTION: SLIDE  
 ANIMAL: PHEASANT  
 FAS: NO  
 COUNTY: KANDIYOHI  
 DAY: 11/28/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 30  
 CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
 COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE  
 DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 YARDS  
 TYPE OF COVER: WOODED  
 SELF-INFLICTED: YES  
 VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N/A

Victim/shooter was walking through some heavy willows and slough ground. He was moving under and into tight willows when his gun went off and striking himself in the leg.

**24. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 13  
FIREARM: SHOTGUN  
ACTION: SLIDE  
ANIMAL: DEER  
FAS: YES  
COUNTY: OLMSTED  
DAY: 11/30/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 46  
CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE  
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 50-100 YARDS  
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED  
SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: YES

Victim was shot in the upper right thigh during a deer drive when the shooter shot once from beside a pine tree at a deer 50 yards west of shooter. Victim was in a wooded area with limited visibility to the north where the shot came from.

**25. SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: N/A  
FIREARM: SHOTGUN  
ACTION: SLIDE  
ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE  
FAS: N/A  
COUNTY: OTTER TAIL  
DAY: 12/6/2008

**VICTIM'S INFORMATION:**

AGE: 24  
CASUALTY: NONFATAL  
COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB  
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 YARDS  
TYPE OF COVER: MARSH  
SELF-INFLICTED: NO  
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N/A

A shotgun was leaning on some cattails when it was knocked down causing it to fire striking the victim in the right elbow.