



2009 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

3/01/2010

Number of Fatalities	1
Total Number of Incidents	25

Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty	Self-inflicted	Type of Firearm	Firearms Safety		Cause
					Shooter Age	Victim Age	
1. 1-08-09	Coyote	Nonfatal	No	Rifle	68 N	65 N	Victim moved into line of fire
Summary: Shooter fired a wakeup shot at a tree in a ravine in the woods to scare up coyotes. Victim was hit with gunshot in both calves while standing in a corn field approximately 50 yards from the woods.							
2. 2-09-09	Rabbit	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	22 Y		Discharge firearm in/on vehicle
Summary: Victim/shooter was loading his gun when it went off shooting himself in the inside of his left knee.							
3. 4-14-09	Blackbird	Nonfatal	Yes	Rifle	17 Y		Discharge firearm in/on vehicle
Summary: Victim/shooter was sitting in the passenger side of his vehicle unloading his rifle with the barrel pointed at the floor when the gun discharged hitting him in the top of his left foot.							
4. 4-17-09	Squirrel	Nonfatal	Yes	Rifle	18 Y		Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: Victim/shooter accidently fired his gun when he slipped on some ice/snow while attempting to move closer to a red squirrel for a shot.							
5. 4-18-09	Raccoon	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	19 Y		Careless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter was running in a ditch after a raccoon when he slipped and fell causing the gun to go off and shooting himself in the thigh.							
6. 4-29-09	Porcupine	Nonfatal	Yes	Rifle	33 Y		Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: Victim/shooter was attempting to shoot at a porcupine when he slipped and began falling while climbing on a wood pile. As he fell the gun discharged shooting himself in his left leg.							
7. 5-21-09	Turkey	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	62 N		Firearm fell from insecure rest
Summary: Victim/shooter leaned his shotgun along the side of his tent, the shotgun fell causing it to discharge injuring the victim/shooter.							

Firearms Safety Yes No

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8. 7-05-09	Woodchuck	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	53 Y		Careless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter accidentally shot himself in the left index finger while shooting at a woodchuck. He was unfamiliar with the handgun he was shooting.							
9. 9-02-09	Bear	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	65 N		Dropped firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter was shot in the left elbow area when his unsnapped holster caught on the tree stand he was climbing up causing the revolver to fall out and hit the ladder and discharge.							
10. 9-29-09	Skunk	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	48 Y		Careless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter was walking after a skunk while holding the gun when it discharged striking himself in the right foot.							
11. 9-30-09	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	50 Y	43 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Shooter and victim had been walking in the woods together 70 - 80 yards apart when shooter altered his course to avoid a deadfall. The bird dog with them jumped a bird and the shooter shot it hitting the victim with several bbs in the facial area.							
12. 10-03-09	Duck/Geese	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	55 N	29 Y	Victim moved into line of fire
Summary: Victim and shooter were unknowingly hunting across a slough from each other. When shooter fired at some waterfowl on the pond, shotgun pellets ricocheted off the water with two pellets striking victim causing minor injury.							
13. 10-03-09	Duck/Geese	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	39 N	13 Y	Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: The shooter stepped in a hole and fell as he was walking behind the victim. The shooter's shotgun discharged and the bullet hit the victim in the left shoulder blade.							
14. 10-08-09	Grouse	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	60 Y		Discharge firearm in/on vehicle
Summary: Victim/shooter shot himself in the upper right thigh as he was unloading his pistol while seated in his car with his legs outside the vehicle.							
15. 10-08-09	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	59 Y	23 Y	Failure to check beyond target
Summary: Victim sustained several pellet wounds when the shooter turned to shoot at a bird that was in the same direction of the victim.							
16. 10-17-09	Pheasant	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	44 Y	37 Y	Failure to check beyond target
Summary: Victim was downrange from the shooter. Victim was hit with several bbs when shooter shot at a raccoon that his dog scared up.							

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17. 11-07-09	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	Unknown	14 Y	Victim moved into line of fire
Summary: The victim was shot when a deer ran behind his hunting party. Four people shot at the deer and one of the bullets struck the victim in the upper left leg.							
18. 11-07-09	Deer	Fatal	Yes	Rifle	77 N		Careless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter was found laying on the ground. There was one spent casing on the ground near victim/shooter and one inside the gun.							
19. 11-07-09	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Rifle	34 Y		Firearm fell from insecure rest
Summary: While victim/shooter was reaching for some beef jerky his gun fell off the stand and discharged hitting him in the hand.							
20. 11-07-09	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	15 Y		Faulty equipment
Summary: Victim/shooter pumped the action and pulled the trigger to shoot at a deer for a second time. The gun misfired so he pumped the action and pulled the trigger. The shotgun chamber and barrel exploded and the wood stock shattered.							
21. 11-08-09	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Rifle	28 Y	27 Y	Discharge firearm in/on vehicle
Summary: Victim was shot in the upper right thigh as shooter pulled the bolt back to check if his gun was unloaded. Shooter was unsure how the gun went off.							
22. 11-08-09	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	18 N		Careless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter drew his hand gun and was walking with it. Somehow he shot himself in the right calf muscle.							
23. 11-08-09	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	44 Y		Trigger caught on object
Summary: Victim/shooter was holstering his handgun after killing a deer when the gun fired shooting himself in the hip.							
24. 11-13-09	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Rifle	12 N	47 N	Discharge firearm in/on vehicle
Summary: After hunting, the shooter placed his gun in the back of a truck on top of victim's pack sack. Shortly after the victim received a gun shot in the left elbow. Shooter claims the safety was on.							
25. 12-06-09	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Muzzleloader	38 N		Unloading firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter was unloading his firearm and had the barrel on his left foot. He believes he accidentally pulled the trigger while trying to take the primer off causing a bullet to strike the small toe of his left foot.							

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Number of Hunting Incidents

	2 party	Self-inflicted	Total
FATAL		1	1
NON-FATAL	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>24</u>
	9	16	25

Type of Firearm - 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Large Bore Rifle		2	2
Shotgun		6	6
Center Fire Rifle		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
		9	9

Type of Firearm - Self-inflicted

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Handgun		7	7
Rim Fire Rifle		2	2
Small Bore Rifle		1	1
Shotgun		3	3
Center Fire Rifle	1		1
Large Bore Rifle		1	1
In Line Muzzleloader		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	1	15	16

Animal Hunted - 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Coyote		1	1
Grouse		2	2
Duck/Geese		2	2
Pheasant		1	1
Deer		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
		9	9

Animal Hunted - Self-inflicted

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Rabbit		1	1
Blackbird		1	1
Squirrel		1	1
Raccoon		1	1
Porcupine		1	1
Turkey		1	1
Woodchuck		1	1
Bear		1	1
Skunk		1	1
Grouse		1	1
Deer	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
	1	15	16

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Contributing Factors – 2 Party Incidents

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Discharge Firearm In/On a Vehicle		2	2
Victim Moved Into Line of Fire		3	3
Victim Out of Sight of Shooter		1	1
Shooter Stumbled and Fell		1	1
Failure to Check Beyond Target		2	2
		<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

Contributing Factors – Self-Inflicted Incidents

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Discharge Firearm In/On a Vehicle		3	3
Unloading Firearm		1	1
Shooter Stumbled and Fell		2	2
Careless Handling of a Firearm	1	4	5
Firearm Fell From Insecure Rest		2	2
Dropped Firearm		1	1
Faulty Equipment		1	1
Trigger Caught on an Object		1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>

Type of Terrain Where Incident Happened

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Wooded	1	11	12
In Vehicle		5	5
Ditch		1	1
Open Field		4	4
Marsh		1	1
Standing Crops		1	1
Other		1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>

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Color of Victim's Clothing – 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Blaze Orange		3	3
Camo		2	2
Orange		1	1
Other		2	2
Unknown		1	1
		<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

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

	Yes	No	Unknown	Total
Unknown			1	1
10-19		1		1
20-29	1			1
30-39		1		1
40-49	1			1
50-59	2	1		3
60-69		1		1
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>

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

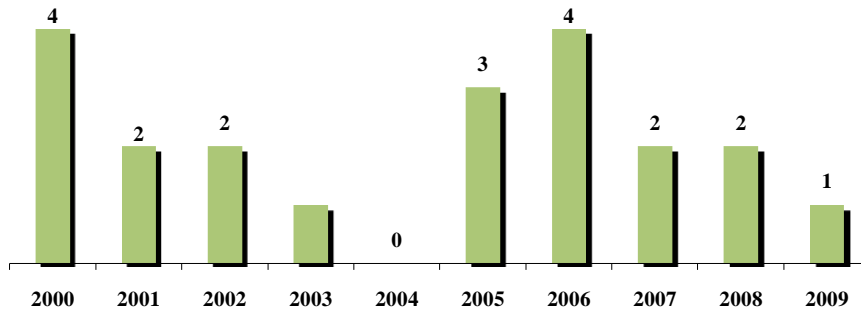
	Yes	No	Total
10-19	2		2
20-29	3		3
30-39	1		1
40-49	1	1	2
60-69		1	1
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**Firearms Safety Training
By Age of Shooter- Self-inflicted**

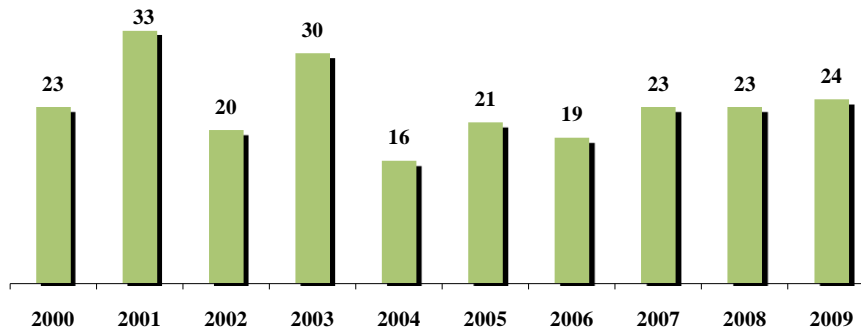
	Yes	No	Total
10-19	4	1	5
20-29	1		1
30-39	2	1	3
40-49	2		2
50-59	1		1
60-69	1	2	3
70-79		1	1
	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>16</u>

Fatal & Non-Fatal Hunting Incidents 2000 – 2009

FATAL



NON-FATAL



Most Common Types of Firearms Hunting Incidents 2009

