



2011 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

10/08/2013

Number of Fatalities **3**

Total Number of Incidents **17**

Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty	Self-inflicted	Type of Firearm	Firearms Safety		
					Shooter Age	Victim Age	Yes No Cause
1. 6-11-11	Woodchuck	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	54 Y		Drop firearm
Summary: Victim going to shoot at a woodchuck. His pistol slipped out of his hand, fell on the ground discharging a bullet just above the knee.							
2. 6-22-11	Chipmunk	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	69 N		Careless/reckless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter using his forearm as a rest to shoot at chipmunk. Victim pulled the trigger and bullet grazed his forearm requiring stitches.							
3. 9-17-11	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	58 Y	18 N	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Victim hunting in a state forest. Victim was hit in the left side of face below his eye.							
4. 9-24-11	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Unknown		22 Y	Unknown
Summary: Victim hunting in a party was struck in face with a pellet.							
5. 10-01-11	Duck	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	50 N	26 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Shooter and victim duck hunting looking for wounded duck when the duck got up shooter shot at it hitting the victim in both legs.							
6. 10-23-11	Grouse	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	27 N		Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: Victim grouse hunting, saw a grouse and took safety off shotgun, grouse walked away. Victim didn't put safety back on continuing to walk towards grouse stumbled on a tree stump causing firearm to go off into his foot.							
7. 11-05-11	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun Slug	40 N	45 Y	Victim covered by shooter swinging on game
Summary: Shooter on stand while rest of hunting party doing a deer drive. Shooter shot at a buck that crossed between them and hit victim in forearm and elbow.							
8. 11-05-11	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	Unk	46 Y	Failure to check beyond target
Summary: Victim on the edge of grove, pushing deer with party. Shooter party shot at deer, when victim's thumb was blown off.							

- 9.** 11-06-11 Deer **FATAL** Yes Ctr. Fire Rifle 51 Y Shooter stumbled & fell
Summary: Victim/Shooter leaving deer stand, gun trigger caught on something shooting him in the abdomen.
- 10.** 11-06-11 Deer Nonfatal No Unknown Unk 37 Y Failure to check beyond target
Summary: Victim heard multiple gunshots receiving a shot thru hat grazing his hair.
- 11.** 11-7-11 Deer **FATAL** No Ctr. Fire Rifle 15 Y Careless/reckless handling of firearm.
Summary: Victim/Shooter in deer stand, stood up to remove jacket and vest when rifle went off shooting him in the upper inner leg.
- 12.** 11-07-11 Deer Nonfatal No Ctr. Fire Rifle 18 Y 29 Y Ricochet
Summary: Victim standing on rock pile received gunshot wound to upper thigh from shot ricocheting off rock pile.
- 13.** 11-13-11 Waterfowl Nonfatal No Shotgun 17 Y 17 Y Obstruction of barrel
Summary: Victim party hunting when one of them dropped shotgun in water. Ducks flew in, shooter shot causing the gun barrel to explode hitting victim on side of head.
- 14.** 12-07-11 Deer Nonfatal Yes Shotgun 52 Y Drop firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter holding muzzle loader while putting gloves on. He dropped firearm, while trying to catch it causing a gunshot wound to wrist/forearm area.
- 15.** 12-12-11 Pheasant Nonfatal Yes Shotgun 33 Y Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: Victim/shooter tripped and fell in tall grass. The safety was off causing him to squeeze trigger as he fell, shooting himself in the leg.
- 16.** 12-17-11 Deer **FATAL** No Shotgun 25 Y 19 Y Careless/reckless handling of firearm.
Summary: Shooter and Victim crawling up side of incline of gravel pit. Shooter set gun down causing it to go off, shooting victim in stomach.
- 17.** 12-17-11 Squirrel Nonfatal No Rim Fire Rifle 47 Y Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: Victim shooting at squirrels tripped causing the gun to discharge a bullet into his hand.

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Number of Hunting Incidents

	2 party	Self-inflicted	Total
FATAL	1	2	3
NON-FATAL	8	6	14
	9	8	17

Type of Firearm – 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Unknown		3	3
Shotgun	1	3	4
Center Fire Rifle		1	1
Shotgun Slug		1	1
Total	1	8	9

Type of Firearm – Self-inflicted

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Handgun		2	2
Shotgun		2	2
Center Fire Rifle	2		2
Rim Fire Rifle		1	1
Muzzle loader		1	1
Total	2	6	8

Animal Hunted – 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Unknown		1	1
Grouse		1	1
Waterfowl	1	3	4
Deer		3	3
Total	1	8	9

Animal Hunted –Self-inflicted

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Squirrel		1	1
Woodchuck		1	1
Chipmunk		1	1
Pheasant		1	1
Grouse		1	1
Deer	2	1	3
Total	2	6	8

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Contributing Factors – 2 Party Incidents

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Victim in Line of Fire		1	1
Victim Out of Sight of Shooter		3	3
Victim covered by Shooter swinging on game		1	1
Failure to Check Beyond Target		1	1
Ricochet		1	1
Careless Handling of Firearm	1		1
Obstruction of barrel		1	1
Total	1	8	9

Contributing Factors – Self-inflicted Incidents

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Shooter Stumbled and Fell	1	3	4
Careless Handling of a Firearm	1	1	2
Dropped Firearm		2	2
Total	2	6	8

Type of Terrain Where Incident Happened

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Dense Cover/Vegetation		1	1
Wooded		4	4
Open Field		3	3
Wetland		2	2
Other	3	4	7
Total	3	14	17

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Color of Victim's Clothing – 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Camo		3	3
Orange		5	5
Unknown	1		1
Total	1	8	9

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

	Yes	No	Unk	Total
Unknown			3	3
10-19	2			2
20-29	1			1
40-49		1		1
50-59	2			2
Total	5	1	3	9

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

	Yes	No	Total
10-19	1		1
20-29	4		4
30-39	1		1
40-49	2		2
50-59	1		1
Total	9		9

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

	Yes	No	Total
10-19	1		1
20-29		1	1
30-39	1		1
40-49	1		1
50-59	3		3
60-69		1	1
Total	6	2	8

Fatal & Non-Fatal Hunting Incidents 2000-2011

