



2013 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

Updated: 3/1/2014

Number of Fatalities **1**

Total Number of Incidents **17**

Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty	Self-inflicted	Type of Firearm	Firearms Shooter Age	Safety Victim Age	Yes No Cause
1. 2-23-13	Coyote	Nonfatal	No	Ctr Fire Rifle	41 Y	43 Y	Ricochet
Summary: Shooter shot at coyote and bullet ricocheted, striking the victim in the upper thigh.							
2. 2-24-13	Rabbit	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	21 Y		Trigger caught on brush
Summary: Victim/shooter pulled his handgun to shoot at a rabbit, the trigger caught on brush causing the gun to discharge, shooting him in the hand.							
3. 9-14-13	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Rim Fire Rifle	51 N		Careless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter was ascending an elevated stand with uncased pistol, when the gun fired causing a gunshot wound to the leg.							
4. 9-21-13	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	19 Y	52 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Shooter shot at low flying ducks, victim was out of sight in a canoe looking for crippled ducks and suffered gunshot wounds to face, shoulder and arm.							
5. 9-22-13	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	16 Y	33 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Shooter and victim were hunting together, victim was out of sight of shooter who shot at low flying duck resulting in pellets striking the victims finger and hand.							
6. 9-22-13	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	19	Dog	Dog (foot/paw discharged firearm)
Summary: Victim and hunting party were loading their boat to waterfowl hunt when dog jumped in boat stepping on a loaded firearm causing gun to discharge into victim's leg.							
7. 9-22-13	Pheasant	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	Unk	28 N	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Victim resting along a wooded trail heard a shot and was hit by several pellets.							
8. 9-28-13	Waterfowl	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	15 Y	31 Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
Summary: Shooter shot at duck on water's surface causing pellets to ricochet hitting victim in chin.							
9. 10-05-13	Waterfowl	FATAL	No	Shotgun	23 Y	23 Y	Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: Shooter and victim stood up in canoe to shoot at duck, shooter and victim lost balance and fell causing the canoe to capsize which resulted in a fatal gunshot wound to victim's head.							

Firearms Safety Yes No

Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty	Self-inflicted	Type of Firearm	Shooter Age	Victim Age	Cause
10. 10-05-13	Squirrel	Nonfatal	Yes	Rim Fire Rifle	11 Y	N	Careless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter walked around tree to shoot at squirrel with his finger on the trigger when gun went off causing a gunshot wound to his foot.							
11. 10-16-13	Grouse	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	21 Y		Careless handling of firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter loading gun in vehicle when gun discharged into his knee.							
12. 10-20-13	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	15 Y	15 Y	Victim covered by shooter swinging on game
Summary: Shooter shot at duck from water causing round to ricochet off water and hit victim in back.							
13. 11-09-13	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Ctr Fire Rifle	37 Y		Drop Firearm/Fell from stand
Summary: Victim/shooter was on an elevated stand when he dropped his rifle causing it to discharge striking victim in the chest and shoulder. He then fell from the stand and was found hanging upside down with his foot caught in the ladder.							
14. 11-11-13	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	14 Y	58 N	Failure to check beyond target
Summary: Shooter shot at deer on edge of woods and victim received a gunshot wound to the leg.							
15. 11-13-13	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Ctr Fire Rifle	31 Y	32 N	Ricochet
Summary: Shooter shot at deer and bullet ricocheted off of rock hitting victim in neck.							
16. 11-24-13	Rabbit	Nonfatal	Yes	Rim Fire Rifle	21 Y		Unloading firearm
Summary: Helping to unjam gun for party he was hunting with, when gun slipped and discharged.							
17. 12-11-13	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Muzzleloader	54 Y	N	Defective firearm/Discharge firearm from vehicle
Summary: While trying to poach deer at night from a motor vehicle the victim's muzzleloader discharged striking him in the arm.							

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Number of Hunting Incidents

	2 party	Self-inflicted	Total
FATAL	1		1
NON-FATAL	9	7	16
	10	7	17

Type of Firearm – 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Shotgun	1	7	8
Center Fire Rifle		2	2
Total	1	9	10

Type of Firearm – Self-inflicted

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Handgun		1	1
Shotgun		1	1
Ctr Fire Rifle		1	1
Rim Fire Rifle		3	3
Muzzle Loader		1	1
Total		7	7

Animal Hunted – 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Grouse		1	1
Pheasant		1	1
Waterfowl	1	4	5
Deer		2	2
Coyote		1	1
Total	1	9	10

Animal Hunted –Self-inflicted

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Rabbit		2	2
Squirrel		1	1
Grouse		1	1
Deer		3	3
Total		7	7

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Contributing Factors – 2 Party Incidents

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Dog Foot/Paw Discharge		1	1
Victim Covered by Shooter		1	1
Victim Out of Sight of Shooter		4	4
Failure to Check Beyond Target		1	1
Ricochet		2	2
Shooter Stumbled and Fell	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
	1	9	10

Contributing Factors – Self-inflicted Incidents

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Unloading Firearm		1	1
Trigger Caught on Brush		1	1
Careless Handling of a Firearm		3	3
Dropped Firearm/Fell from Stand		1	1
Defective Firearm		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
		7	7

Type of Terrain Where Incident Happened

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Wooded		6	6
In Vehicle		2	2
Wetland		3	3
Open Field		2	2
Canoe	1		1
Water		2	2
Other		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	1	16	17

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Color of Victim's Clothing – 2 Party

	Fatal	Non-fatal	Total
Camo	1	2	3
Orange		4	4
Unknown		3	3
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	1	9	10

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

	Yes	No	Unk	Total
Unknown			2	2
10-19	5			5
20-29	1			1
30-39	1			1
40-49	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
Total	8		2	10

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

	Yes	No	Total
10-19	2		2
20-29	1	1	2
30-39	2	1	3
40-49	1		1
50-59	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	7	3	10

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

	Yes	No	Total
10-19		1	1
20-29	3		3
30-39	1		1
50-59	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	5	2	7

Fatal & Non-Fatal Hunting Incidents 2000-2013

