2015 Summary of Minnesota Hunting Incidents

Updated: 2/16/2016

Number of Fatalities	**0**
Total Number of Incidents	**11**

	Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty	Self-Inflicted	Type of Firearm	Shooter Age	Victim Age	Firearms Safety Yes No Cause
1.	9-27-15	Ducks	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	16 Y	18 Y	Victim moved in line of fire
Summary: Shooter stood up to shoot when victim stood up in front of him causing shot to graze side of head.								
2.	9-27-15	Squirrel	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	14 N		Defective Firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter shooting at a squirrel and the gun split apart causing powder burns on hand.								
3.	10-16-15	Grouse	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	63 Y	61 Y	Ricochet
Summary: Two members from hunting party shot at grouse when pellets ricocheted and hit victim in side of face and chin.								
4.	10-17-15	Grouse	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	44 N		Defective Firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter shot at grouse and gun blew up in his hand.								
5.	10-17-15	Ducks	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	18 Y	18 Y	Ricochet
Summary: Shooter grabbed gun from canoe when gun went off causing victim gunshot wound to arm and back.								
6.	10-28-15	Grouse	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	63 N		Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: Victim/shooter loading shotgun while stepping out of vehicle when he slipped on wet grass causing gun to discharge into victim's calf.								
7.	11-08-15	Deer	Nonfatal	No	Shotgun	32 Y	58 Y	Ricochet
Summary: Victim out of sight of shooter receiving a gunshot wound to upper thigh from a ricocheted pellet.								
8.	11-13-15	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Muzzleloader	23 Y		Trigger caught on object
Summary: Victim/shooter putting cell phone away causing gunshot wound to his foot.								
9.	11-14-15	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	17 Y		Shooter stumbled and fell
Summary: Victim/shooter stumbled and fell causing firearm to discharge into his foot.								
10.	11-14-15	Deer	Nonfatal	Yes	Handgun	23 Y		Careless/reckless handling of a firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter firearm discharged when he was walking in the woods.								
11.	11-22-15	Squirrel	Nonfatal	Yes	Shotgun	45 Y		Improper crossing of obstacle w/loaded firearm
Summary: Victim/shooter crossing a downed tree and was attempting to set the firearm down when it discharged.								