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REPORT OF
HUNTING AND
HUNTING RELATED INCIDENTS
AND FATALITIES



2014-2015

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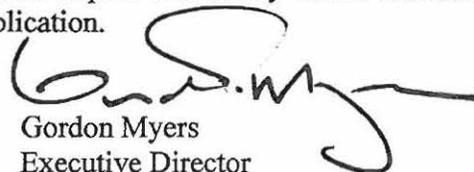
This annual report contains statistics and information extracted from hunting incident reports submitted to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission during the 2014 - 2015 hunting season.

For the purpose of this statistical report, a hunting incident is considered to be an injury to an individual arising from hunting, firearm or archery related activity classified either "A", "B" "C" or "D" as follows:

- A. An incident resulting from the discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes the injury or death of any person(s).
- B. An incident while hunting, not involving the discharge of a firearm or bow, which causes the injury or death of any person(s).
- C. Any other incident resulting from the discharge of a firearm or bow, which causes the injury or death of any person(s), other than while hunting.
- D. An incident while hunting involving property damage only.

The purpose of the Report of Hunting and Hunting Related Incidents is to provide statistical information on the similarities, causes, frequency, and location of hunting incidents. This information is analyzed to aid in determining the directions of measures to deter hunting and hunting related incidents. By publishing this information and including it in Hunter Education Programs, the Wildlife Resources Commission hopes to reduce the number of hunting and hunting related incidents and fatalities to make the sport safer for all.

Public concern about hunting incidents has been responsible for laws being enacted to require hunters to wear a hunter orange outer garment or hat and to require mandatory hunter education for new hunters. Copies of these laws are included in this publication.



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**2014 - 2015 HUNTING AND HUNTING RELATED INCIDENTS
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

Fatal	4
Non-Fatal	20
Total Incidents	24 (Type "A", "B", & "C")

SELF-INFLICTED INCIDENTS

Fatal	1
Non-Fatal	10

Of these self-inflicted incidents, 1 was a fatal tree stand fall

OF THE TOTAL 27 HUNTING AND HUNTING RELATED INCIDENTS:

Type "A" -	Fatal	2	Non-Fatal	10
Type "B" -	Fatal	2	Non-Fatal	10
Type "C" -	Fatal	0	Non-Fatal	0
*Type "D" -	Fatal	0	Non-Fatal	3

Type "D" is property damage only

**NORTH CAROLINA HUNTING INCIDENT AND HUNTER EDUCATION STATISTICS
TEN YEAR AVERAGES**

Hunting Seasons 1960-1990

<u>Hunting Season</u>	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Non-Fatal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>#Licensed Hunters</u>	<u>Students Certified</u>
*1960-1970	13	43	56	414,900	-----
*1970-1980	9	23	32	398,554	16,854
*1980-1990	8	33	41	397,275	23,618

ANNUAL TOTALS

Hunting Seasons 1990-1991 through 2014-2015

		FATAL			NON-FATAL				STUDENTS CERTIFIED
Hunting Season	Firearms Related	Non-Firearms Related	TOTAL FATAL	Firearms Related	Non-Firearms Related	TOTAL NON-FATAL	TOTAL INCIDENTS	# Licensed Hunters	
*1990-1991	6	*	6	0	*	36	42	388,795	20,226
*1991-1992	5	*	5	0	*	38	43	353,992	29,365
*1992-1993	5	*	5	0	*	27	32	351,787	22,120
*1993-1994	1	*	1	0	*	25	26	370,400	20,469
1994-1995	4	1	5	39	8	47	52	585,875	18,891
1995-1996	4	2	6	30	12	42	48	365,326	16,347
1996-1997	3	1	4	20	14	34	38	360,575	13,985

* Treestand and non-firearms related incidents were not captured during this time

ANNUAL TOTALS

Hunting Seasons 1990-1991 through 2014-2015 continued

		FATAL			NON-FATAL				STUDENTS CERTIFIED
Hunting Season	Firearms Related	Non-Firearms Related	TOTAL FATAL	Firearms Related	Non-Firearms Related	TOTAL NON-FATAL	TOTAL INCIDENTS	# Licensed Hunters	
1997- 1998	2	1	3	24	13	37	40	360,614	14,425
1998- 1999	2	3	5	24	17	41	46	400,051	14,062
1999- 2000	4	1	5	14	10	24	29	453,865	14,572
2000- 2001	3	2	5	14	8	22	27	375,842	14,865
2001- 2002	1	3	4	20	16	36	40	371,809	13,503
2002- 2003	1	3	4	27	10	37	41	360,432	16,121
2003- 2004	1	2	3	22	11	33	36	387,410	16,269
2004- 2005	3	3	6	29	19	48	54	420,425	13,593
2005- 2006	4	4	8	22	12	34	42	427,608	17,886
2006- 2007	1	4	5	25	8	33	38	440,896	17,752

ANNUAL TOTALS

Hunting Seasons 1990-1991 through 2014-2015 continued

	FATAL			NON-FATAL				STUDENTS CERTIFIED	
Hunting Season	Firearms Related	Non-Firearms Related	TOTAL FATAL	Firearms Related	Non-Firearms Related	TOTAL NON-FATAL	TOTAL INCIDENTS	# Licensed Hunters	
2007- 2008	4	4	8	15	13	28	36	460,577	18,697
2008- 2009	1	2	3	27	13	40	43	475,375	19,736
2009- 2010	1	2	3	26	19	45	48	494,005	18,068
2010- 2011	3	4	7	21	13	34	41	505,530	17,282
2011 – 2012	3	2	5	26	8	34	39	521,717	19,246
2012 – 2013	1	2	3	18	8	26	29	528,636	23,865
2013 – 2014	1	1	2	17	14	31	33	545,032	26,817
2014 - 2015	2	2	4	10	10	20	24	570,495	20,488

HUNTING AND HUNTING RELATED INCIDENTS PER COUNTY

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON- FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>FATAL</u>	<u>FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON- FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON-FATAL</u>	<u>TOTAL INCIDENTS</u>
Alamance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alexander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alleghany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Avery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beaufort	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Bertie	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Bladen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunswick	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Buncombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cabarrus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caldwell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carteret	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caswell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catawba	1	0	1	0	1	1	2
Chatham	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Cherokee	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Chowan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON- FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>FATAL</u>	<u>FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON- FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON-FATAL</u>	<u>TOTAL INCIDENTS</u>
Columbus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Currituck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davidson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duplin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edgecombe	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Forsyth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gaston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Graham	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Granville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guilford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Halifax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harnett	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Haywood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henderson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hertford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hyde	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Iredell	0	0	0	0	1	1	1

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON- FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>FATAL</u>	<u>FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON- FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON-FATAL</u>	<u>TOTAL INCIDENTS</u>
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnston	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Jones	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lenoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McDowell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mecklenburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitchell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moore	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Nash	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hanover	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northampton	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Onslow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Pamlico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pasquotank	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pender	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Perquimans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pitt	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Polk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON- FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>FATAL</u>	<u>FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON- FIREARMS RELATED</u>	<u>NON-FATAL</u>	<u>TOTAL INCIDENTS</u>
Randolph	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Richmond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robeson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rockingham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rowan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rutherford	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Sampson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stokes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transylvania	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Tyrrell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yadkin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yancey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	2	2	4	10	10	20	24

2. DATE: 10/17/2014 CLASS: A
VICTIM WEARING BLAZE ORANGE: NO
VICTIM DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE: 1-3 INCHES

THE VICTIM WAS ENGAGED IN NIGHT DEER HUNTING FROM A ROAD RIGHT OF WAY WITH THE USE OF A SPOTLIGHT.

ACCORDING TO WITNESSES IN THE HUNTING PARTY, THEY WERE WORKING THEIR WAY BACK TO THE RESIDENCE SHINING FIELDS ALONG THE WAY. ALL THREE SUBJECTS EXITED THE VEHICLE AND ILLUMINATED SOME DEER ATOP A HILL WITH THE SPOTLIGHT. ONE PARTY MEMBER STATED THAT ANOTHER PARTY MEMBER HAD THE GUN AND WAS VIEWING THE DEER THROUGH THE SCOPE. THE GUN WAS PASSED TO ALL PARTY MEMBERS TO VIEW THE DEER THROUGH THE SCOPE. AFTER HEARING AN APPROACHING VEHICLE, ALL THREE SUBJECTS BOLTED FOR THE TRUCK AND ENTERED THE VEHICLE. THE GUN WAS PLACED WITH THE BRREL FACING IN AN UPWARD DIRECTION IN CLOST PROXIMITY TO THE VICTIM. DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE GUN DESIGN, THE HAMMER HAD TO HAVE BEEN LOCKED BACK AND WAS RELEASED IN THE SCRAMBLE TO EXIT THE SCENE. THE BULLET ENTERED THE VICTIM'S FOREHEAD ABOVE HIS RIGHT EYE AND EXITED THE TOP OF HIS HEAD NEAR THE BACK OF THE LEFT SIDE. BEING FIRED FROM CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE VICTIM'S FACE LEAVING STIPLING AROUND THE ENTRY WOUND ON THE SKIN. THE GASSES FROM THE ENTRY CAUSED MASSIVE TRAUMA, WHICH THE VICTIM DIED FROM.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IN THIS INCIDENT INCLUDE: *CARELESS OR RECKLESS HANDLING OF FIREARM, DISCHARGE OF FIREARM IN/ON A VEHICLE, AND PLACE/REMOVE FIREARM FROM VEHICLE.*

3. DATE: 11/25/2014 CLASS: B
VICTIM WEARING BLAZE ORANGE: NO
VICTIM DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE: N/A TREESTAND FALL

THE VICTIM WAS HUNTING OUT OF AN AFFIXED HOMEMADE LADDER STAND.

UPON INVESTIGATION, THE WOOD USED TO CONSTRUCT THE TREE STAND WAS ROTTEN AND WAS AFFIXED TO THE TREE USING DECKING SCREWS. THE PLATFORM AFFIXED TO THE TOP OF THE LADDER BROCK, WHICH IN TURN CAUSED THE ROTTEN WOOD ON THE LADDER PORTION TO BREAK. THE VICTIM WAS WEARING A HOMEMADE, SINGLE STRAP TREE STAND SAFETY HARNESS AROUND HIS TORSO. DUE TO THE ROTTEN NATURE OF THE WOOD USED ON THE TREESTAND, AS WELL AS THE HOMEMADE SINGLE STRAP SAFETY HARNESS, THE VICTIM FELL OFF THE TREESTAND AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ASPHYXIATED FROM HANGING FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IN THIS INCIDENT INCLUDE: *THIS INCIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED HAD THE VICTIM KEPT UP WITH ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE TREESTAND AND THE ROTTEN WOOD. IF THE VICTIM HAD BEEN WEARING AN APPROVED FULL BODY FALL ARREST SYSTEM, THIS INCIDENT WOULD HAVE NOT BEEN A FATAL ONE.*

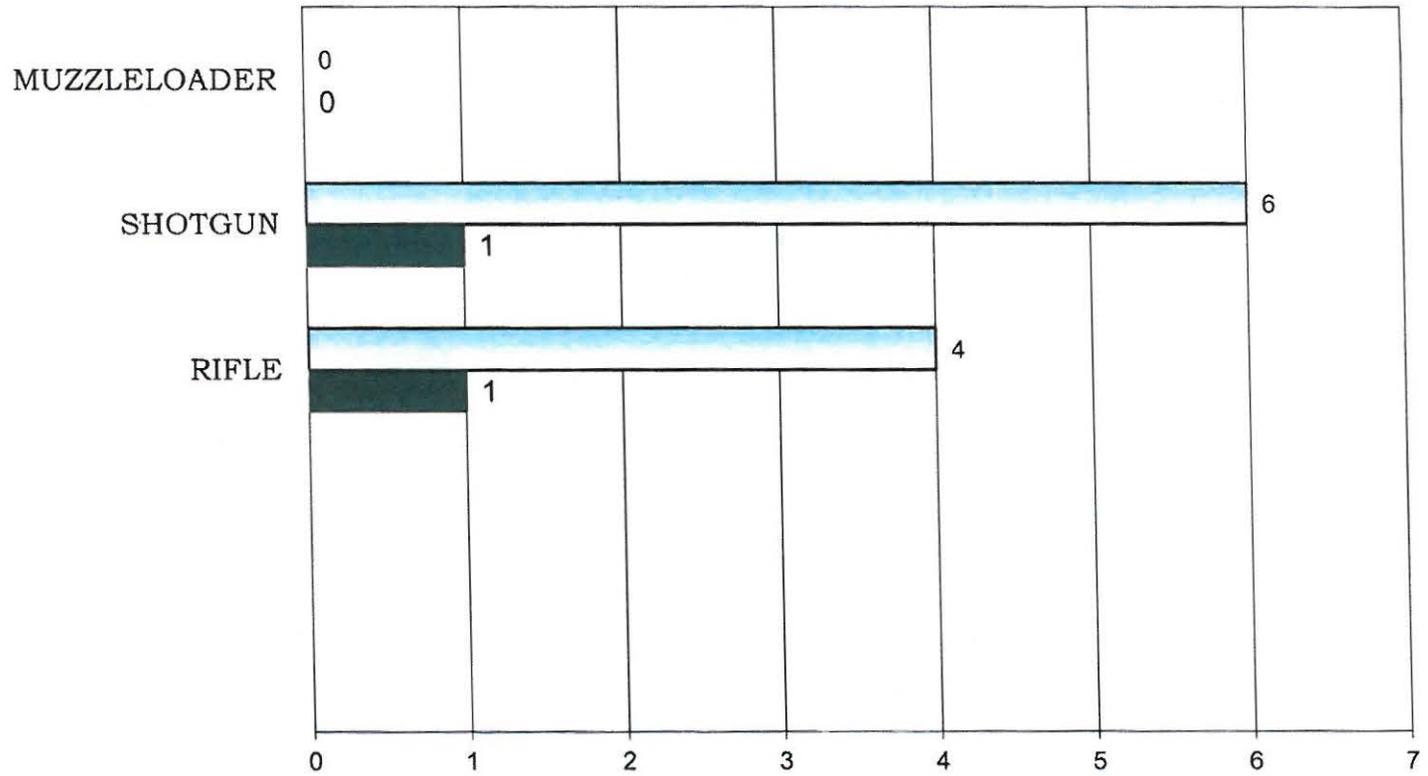
4. DATE: 04/21/2015 CLASS: B
VICTIM WEARING BLAZE ORANGE: NO
VICTIM DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE: N/A FALL WHILE CROSSING FOOT BRIDGE

THE VICTIM WAS TURKEY HUNTING AND DID NOT RETURN HOME AS EXPECTED.

THE FAMILY WAS GOING TO THE LAST KNOWN PLACE THE VICTIM WAS TURKEY HUNTING. A SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED BY WILDLIFE OFFICERS AND THE LOCAL SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE VICTIM'S VEHICLE WAS PARKED BESIDE AN OLD FARMHOUSE NEAR WHERE THE VICTIM HAD BEEN HUNTING. DOWN A LITTLE HILL AND ACROSS THE EDGE OF A COW PASTURE WAS A LOG FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS A RIVER WHICH LED TO A SMALL GREEN FIELD ON THE OTHER SIDE. THE VICTIM'S BODY WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 0.4 OF A MILE DOWNSTREAM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER. THE DAY BEFORE, THE AREA RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE RAIN WHICH CAUSED THE RIVER TO RUN OUT OF ITS BANKS WITH A LARGE VOLUME OF WATER. THE RAIN MAY HAVE MADE THE LOGS AND BOARDS OF THE BRIDGE SLIPPERY. THE BRIDGE ALSO HAD EXPOSED NAILS STICKING UP WHERE BOARDS WERE MISSING, AND WITH NO HANDRAIL MADE FOR A DANGEROUS ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE RIVER. THE VICTIM HAD FALLEN FROM THE BRIDGE. THE WILDLIFE OFFICER WENT BACK WITH FAMILY MEMBERS AFTER THE WATER HAD RECEDED AND FOUND THE VICTIM'S SHOTGUN ABOUT 15 YARDS DOWNSTREAM OF THE FOOTBRIDGE. THE VICTIM SUSTAINED A BROKEN NOSE AND HAD A LARGE BRUISE TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BROW OF HIS FOREHEAD, BUT DROWNING WAS THE PROBABLY CAUSE OF DEATH.

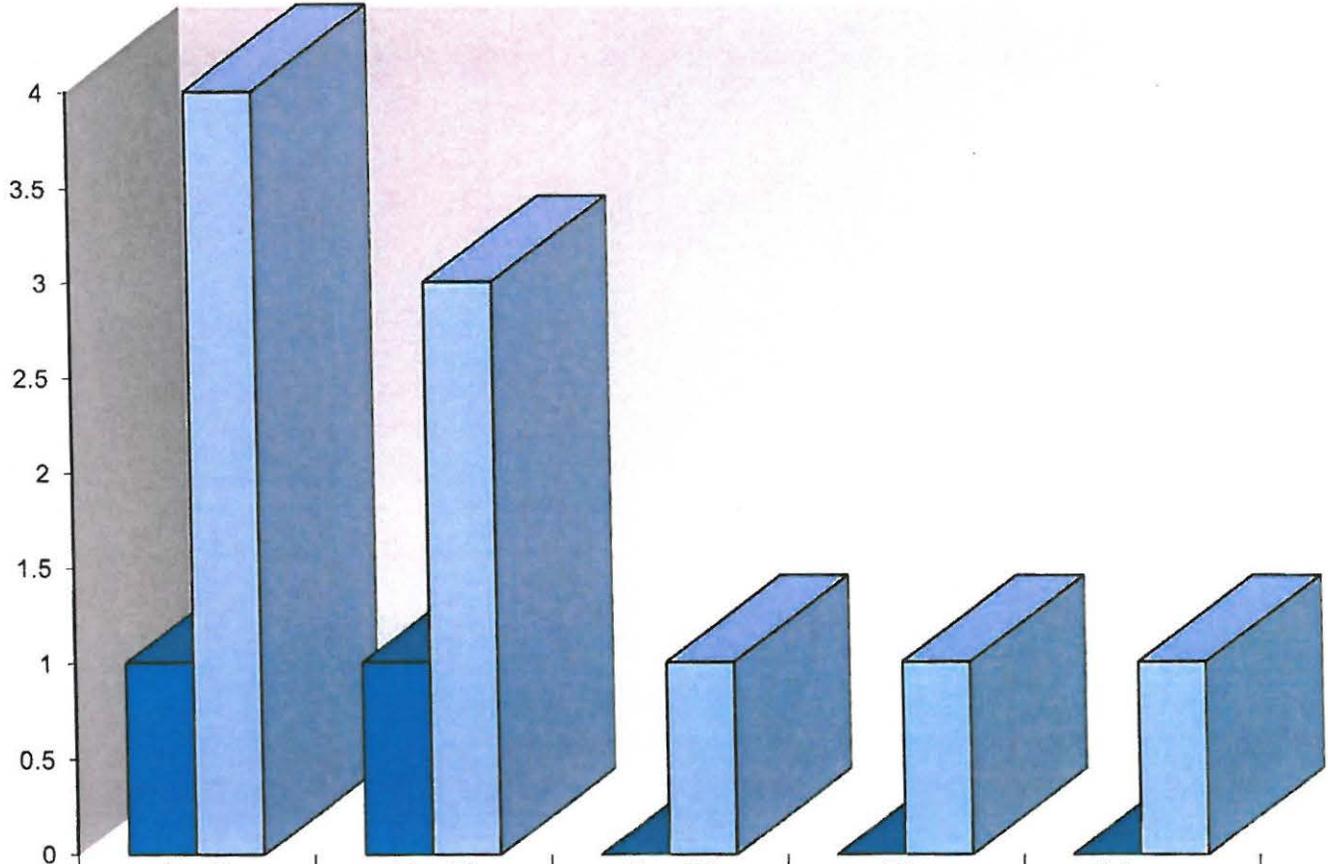
CONTRIBUTING FACTORS FOR THIS INCIDENT INCLUDE: *FALL FROM FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS A RIVER. A HANDRAIL ON THE FOOTBRIDGE AND BETTER PLANKING FOR THE DECKING MAY HAVE MADE IT EASIER AND SAFER TO CROSS.*

TYPE OF WEAPONS INVOLVED IN HUNTING INCIDENTS
Reflects Category Type "A, B and C"



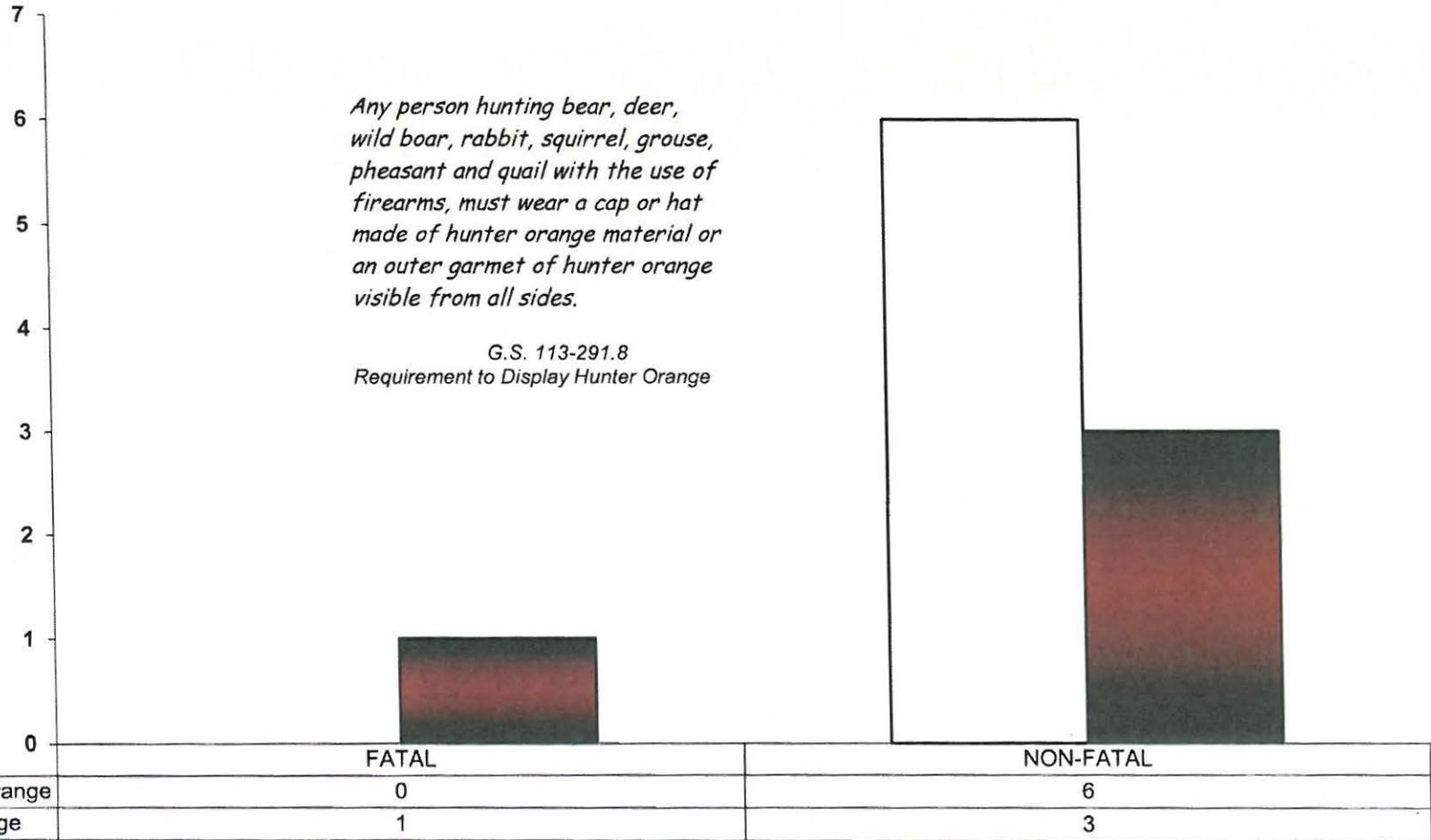
VICTIMS' DISTANCE IN YARDS FROM MUZZLE IN INCIDENT
 Reflects Category Type "A" Incidents

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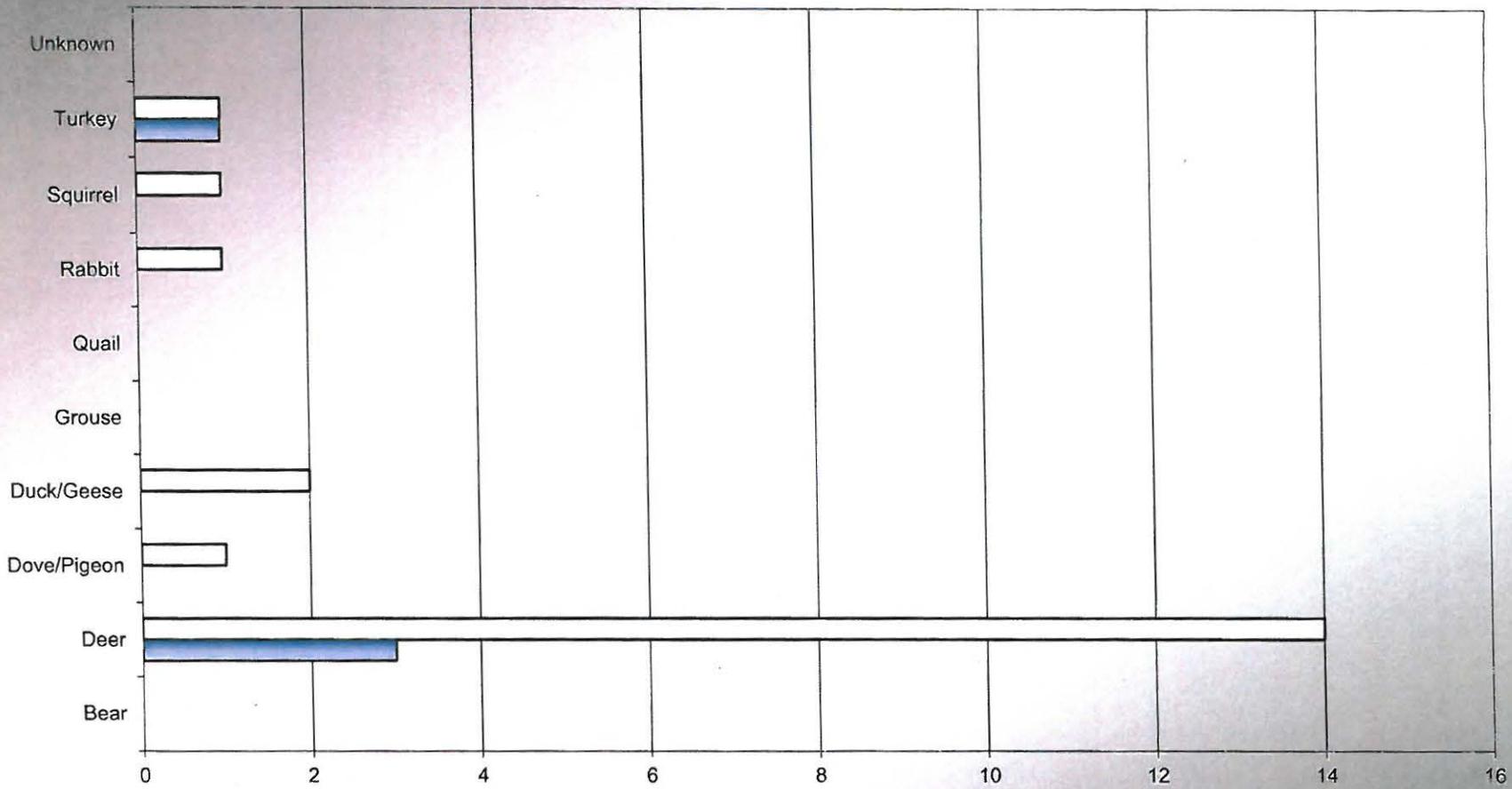


■ FATAL	1	1	0	0	0
□ NON-FATAL	4	3	1	1	1

HUNTER ORANGE WORN BY VICTIMS IN INCIDENTS
Reflects Category Type "A"

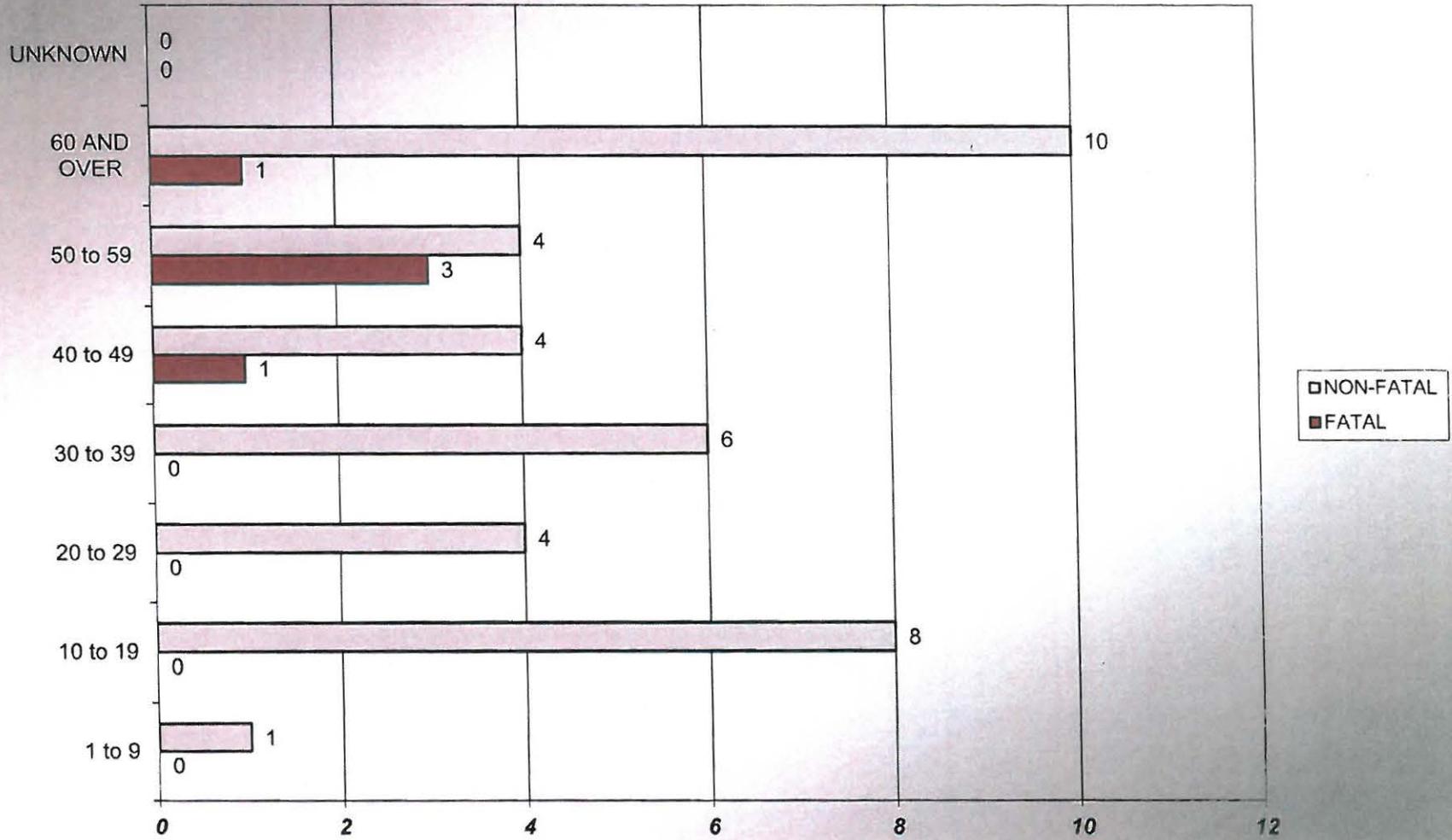


SPECIES BEING HUNTED IN INCIDENTS
Reflects Category Type "A", "B", and "C"

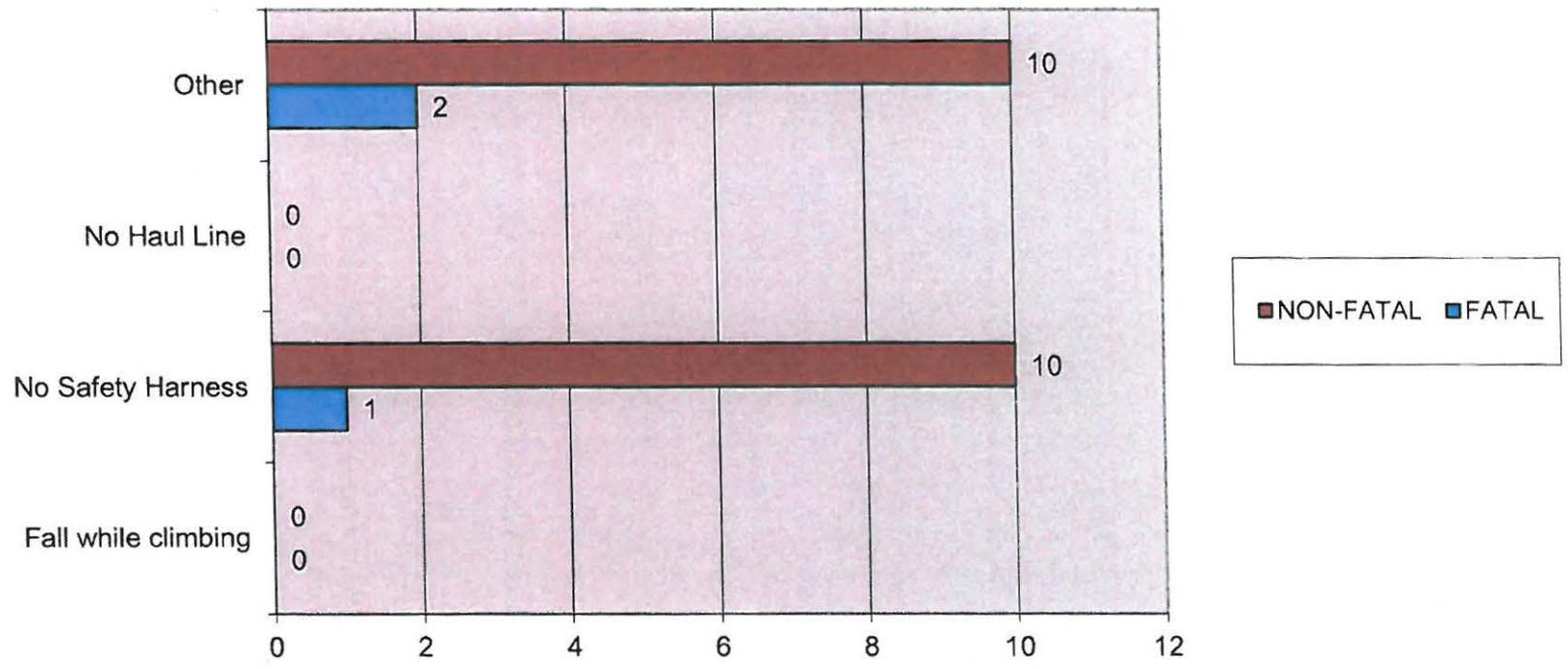


	Bear	Deer	Dove/Pigeon	Duck/Geese	Grouse	Quail	Rabbit	Squirrel	Turkey	Unknown
□ NON-FATAL	0	14	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0
■ FATAL	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

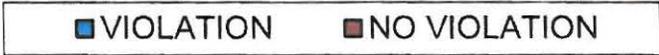
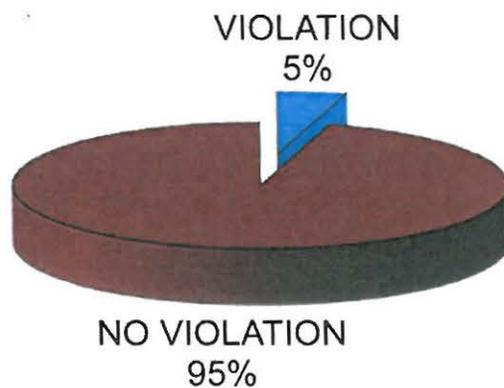
AGES OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN HUNTING INCIDENTS (Fatal & Non-Fatal)



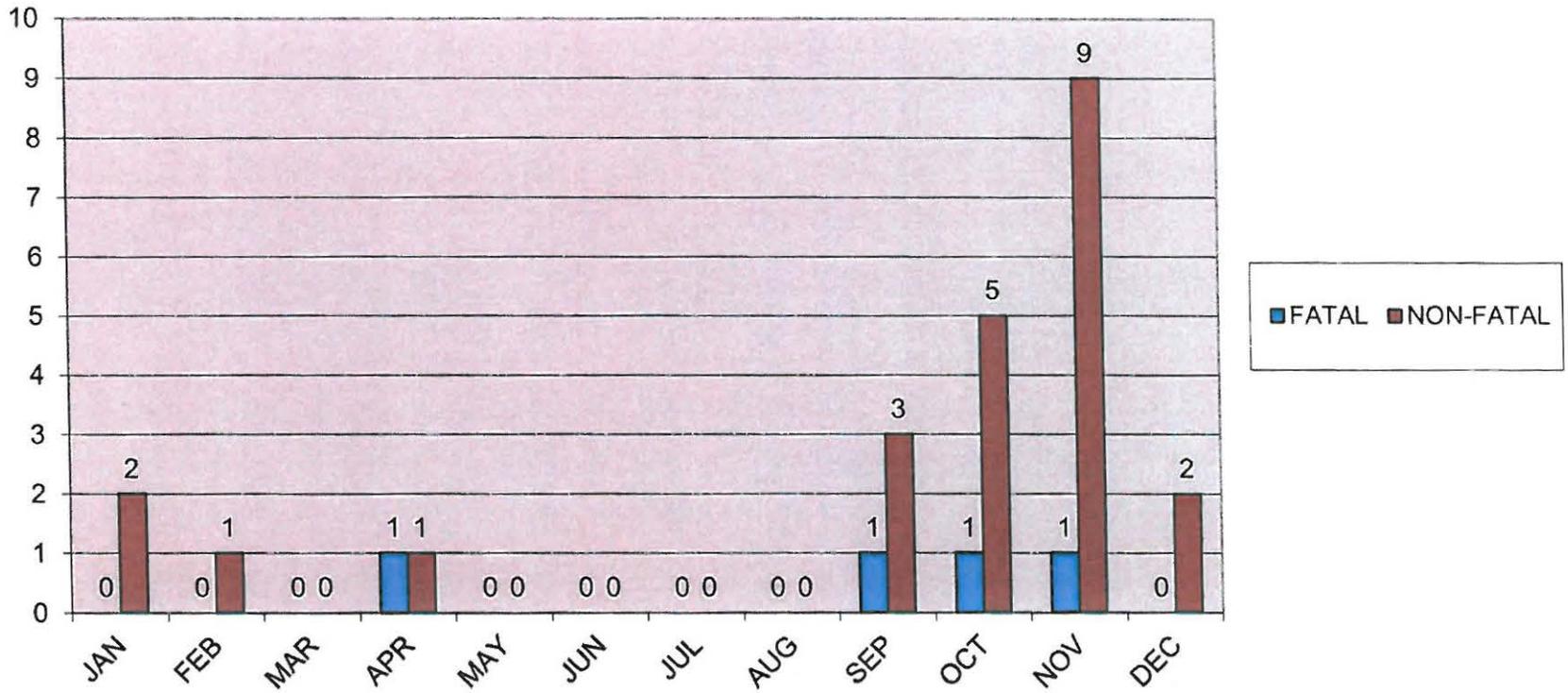
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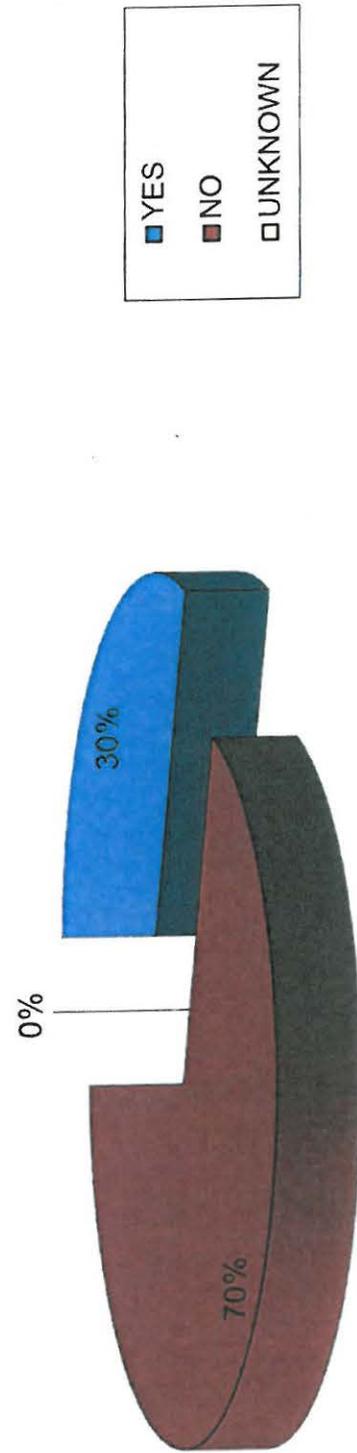
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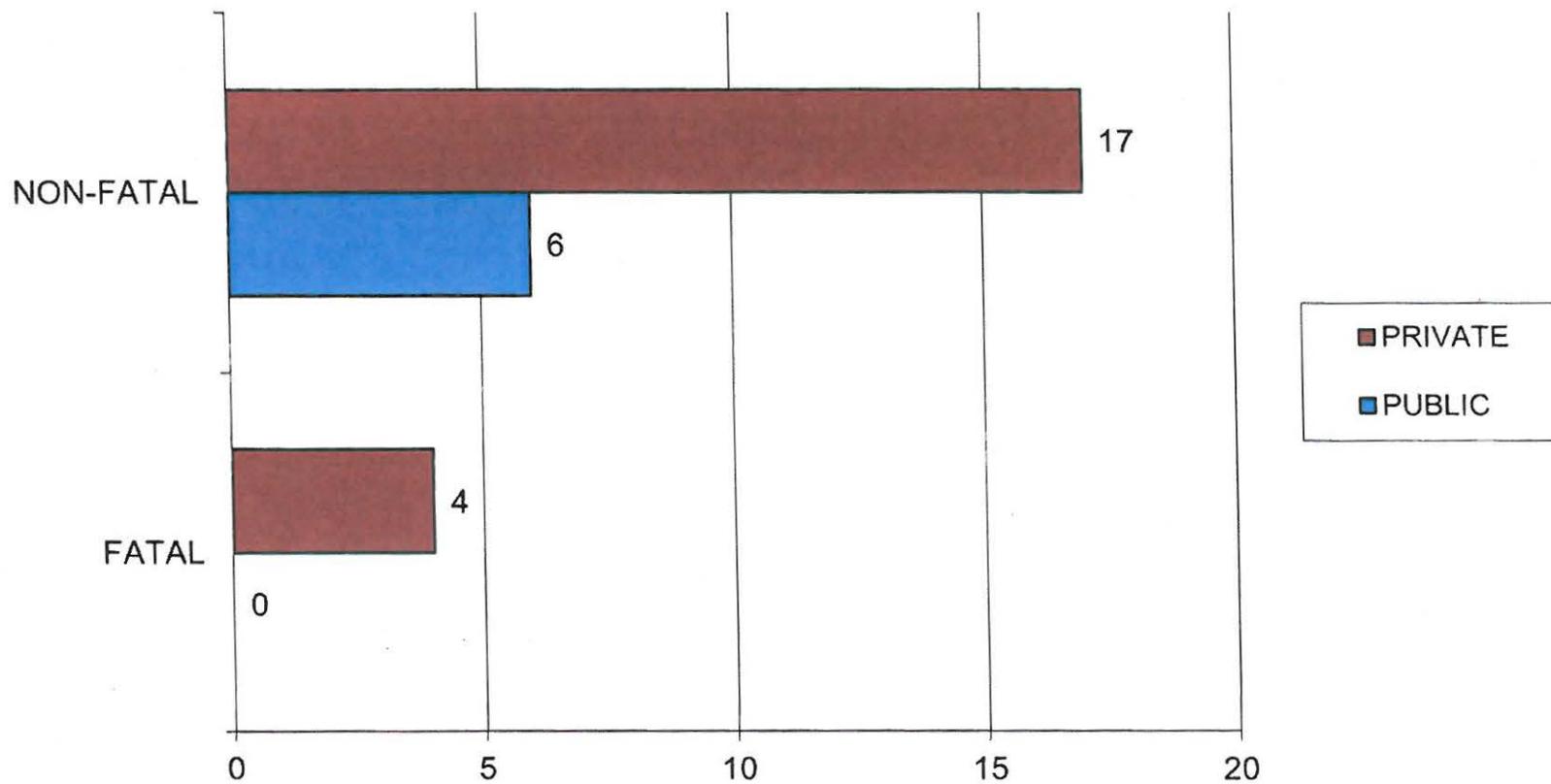
MONTHS WHICH HUNTING INCIDENTS OCCUR Reflects Only Months Incidents Occurred In



HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE TAKEN



PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS
Data Reflects All Hunting Incidents



Check Appropriate Box(es) <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Fatal		Official Use Only NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION Case Number:
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• The International Hunter Education Association's definition of a treestand incident is: "An occurrence or an event that results in the physical injury or death of a person or persons involuntarily while afield engaging in a hunting related activity from the time the person ascends to the time the person descends from the elevated position."

1. Day/Date of Incident	2. Time (Military)	3. County/Parrish	4. State/ Province	5. GPS coordinates <input type="checkbox"/> UTM <input type="checkbox"/> Long/Lat
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6. Location A. <input type="checkbox"/> Public Land B. <input type="checkbox"/> Private Land C. <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Preserve D. <input type="checkbox"/> Leased Land E. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Area or Landowner/Lease Information Name: Address: Phone:
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VICTIM INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, MI)	License # & Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Age and DOB / /
Address (Street, Box, Rural Route)	City	State/Pr ov.	Zip Code <input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident
Years of Hunting Experience:	Approximate # of Miles Incident Occurred from Victim's Residence:		

Hunter Education Course: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Bow Hunter Education: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, Classroom Only: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Internet Only: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Hands On Bow & Tree Stand Safety: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Pass Out Test or Home Study Course (no hands on): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Victim Used Intoxicants Prior to Incident: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown B. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Illegal <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Failure to use prescribed medication? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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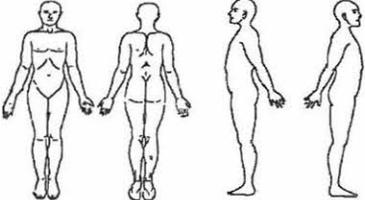
	Describe Injuries (Be Specific) - if no injuries, describe property damage and list value:
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Diagram Injuries to Victim: (Indicate locations of injuries on anatomical outlines)

Injury Severity: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal B. <input type="checkbox"/> Minor C. <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate D. <input type="checkbox"/> Severe E. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown F. <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Name of Physician:	Name of Medical Facility:	In case of death name of Coroner/ Medical Examiner:
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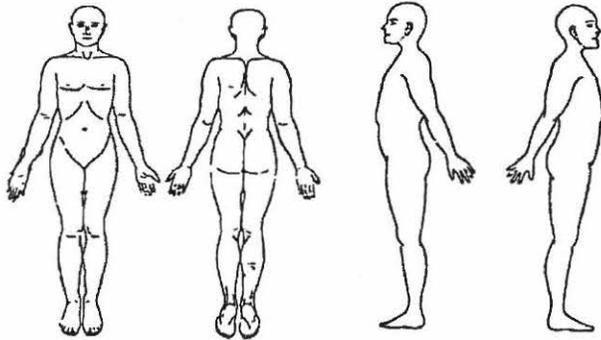
NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION HUNTING/SHOOTING INCIDENT REPORT

Check Appropriate Box(es) <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Fatal <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Inflicted <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage Only		Department Official Use Only Case Number: Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> A: Shooting While Engaged in Legal Hunting Activity <input type="checkbox"/> B: Shooting While Engaged in Illegal Activity			
<p>INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Prepare this report when investigating and reporting a hunting/shooting incident. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT, A "HUNTING INCIDENT" IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: The International Hunter Education Association's definition of a Hunting Incident: "An occurrence or an event that results in the physical injury or death of a person or persons which involves the discharge or use of a hunting implement while engaged in hunting activity." FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT, "HUNTING" IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: To pursue, take, attempt to take, search for, stalk or lie in wait for any animal.</p>					
1. Day/Date of Incident	2. Day of Season	3. Time (Military)	4. County/ Parrish	5. State/ Province	6. GPS coordinates <input type="checkbox"/> UTM <input type="checkbox"/> Long/Lat
7. Location		Area or Landowner			
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Public Land B. <input type="checkbox"/> Private Land C. <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Preserve		Name: Address: Phone:			
8. Was injury or death self-inflicted?					
A. <input type="checkbox"/> YES - Complete sections 9. Shooter and 11. Incident Profile			B. <input type="checkbox"/> NO - Complete sections 9. Shooter, 10. Victim and 11. Incident Profile		
9. SHOOTER					
Name (Last, First, MI)		License # & Type		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Address (Street, Box, Rural Route)		City		Age and DOB / / State/ Zip Code Prov.	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident	
Years of Hunting Experience:		Graduate of Hunter Educational Course:		Level of Involvement:	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - State/Prov. Year <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		<input type="checkbox"/> With Hunting Party <input type="checkbox"/> Individually <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hunter (identify activity) <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Shooter was in:				Was Victim Out of Sight of Shooter?	
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Cover B. <input type="checkbox"/> Light Cover		C. <input type="checkbox"/> Open Area D. <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated Position		E. <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle F. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Animal(s) Being Hunted:		Shooter Wearing Blaze Orange?		Blaze Orange required?	
Species _____ <input type="checkbox"/> In Season <input type="checkbox"/> Out of Season		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Shooter Used Intoxicants Prior to Incident:		Failure to use prescribed medication?		Shooter Licensed?	
A. Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown B. Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not required	

Type of activity shooter was involved in:			
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trials	E. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Unintentional Discharge	D. <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	F. Decoy Use: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Was shooter attempting to harvest game? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Distance from muzzle to wound?	Shooter shot: <input type="checkbox"/> Right handed <input type="checkbox"/> Left handed
Has shooter ever been involved in a hunting incident before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Was the shooter cooperative with investigation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Relationship to Victim:			
Firearm/Instrument used:		Type of Action:	Type of Sight:
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun	E. <input type="checkbox"/> Crossbow	A. <input type="checkbox"/> Bolt	A. <input type="checkbox"/> Open
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle	F. <input type="checkbox"/> Air/Gas Gun	B. <input type="checkbox"/> Lever	B. <input type="checkbox"/> Peep
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Handgun	G. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Pump	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Scope
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Bow		D. <input type="checkbox"/> Break/Hinge	D. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
		E. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Auto	
		F. <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloader	
		G. <input type="checkbox"/> Inline	
		H. <input type="checkbox"/> Handgun	
		I. <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Make:	Model:	Serial Number:	Caliber/Gauge:
Capacity:	Projectile Type:	Ammunition:	Safety Position:
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Repeater	A. <input type="checkbox"/> Bullet - Caliber	A. <input type="checkbox"/> Factory	A. <input type="checkbox"/> On
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Double Barrel	B. <input type="checkbox"/> Arrow	B. <input type="checkbox"/> Reload	B. <input type="checkbox"/> Off
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Single Shot	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Slug-Gauge	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Defective
	D. <input type="checkbox"/> Shot - Size		D. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
	E. <input type="checkbox"/> Other		

10. VICTIM				
Name (Last, First, MI)		License # & Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Age and DOB / /
Address (Street, Box, Rural Route)		City	State/Prov.	Zip Code
				Resident Status <input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident
Years of Hunting Experience:	Graduate of Hunter Educational Course: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - State/Prov. Year <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Level of Involvement: <input type="checkbox"/> With Hunting Party <input type="checkbox"/> Without Hunting Party <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hunter (identify activity) <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
Victim was in: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Cover B. <input type="checkbox"/> Light Cover C. <input type="checkbox"/> Open Area D. <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated Position E. <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle F. <input type="checkbox"/> Other			Was Victim Out of Sight of Shooter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Type of activity shooter was involved in:				
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting		C. <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trials		E. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Unintentional Discharge		D. <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Color of Clothing:				
Cap:		Coat/Vest:		Trousers:
Species being hunted: <input type="checkbox"/> In Season <input type="checkbox"/> Out of Season <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hunting		Were Intoxicants used prior to incident? A. Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No B. Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No C. Prescribed Medication <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Firearm/Instrument used:		Type of Action:	Type of Sight:	
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun	E. <input type="checkbox"/> Crossbow	A. <input type="checkbox"/> Bolt	A. <input type="checkbox"/> Open	
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle	F. <input type="checkbox"/> Air/Gas Gun	B. <input type="checkbox"/> Lever	B. <input type="checkbox"/> Peep	
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Handgun	G. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Pump	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Scope	
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Bow		D. <input type="checkbox"/> Break/Hinge	D. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
		E. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Auto		
		F. <input type="checkbox"/> Caplock		
		G. <input type="checkbox"/> Inline		
		H. <input type="checkbox"/> Revolver		
		I. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Make:	Model:	Serial Number:	Caliber/Gauge:	

Capacity A. <input type="checkbox"/> Repeater B. <input type="checkbox"/> Double Barrel C. <input type="checkbox"/> Single Shot	Projectile Type: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Bullet - Caliber Weight B. <input type="checkbox"/> Arrow C. <input type="checkbox"/> Slug-Gauge Weight D. <input type="checkbox"/> Shot - Size Material E. <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Ammunition A. <input type="checkbox"/> Factory B. <input type="checkbox"/> Reload C. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Safety Position A. <input type="checkbox"/> On B. <input type="checkbox"/> Off C. <input type="checkbox"/> Defective D. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Was victim attempting to harvest wildlife? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Distance from muzzle to wound:	



Describe Injuries (Be Specific) – if no injuries, describe property damage and list value:

Diagram Injuries to Victim: (Indicate locations of injuries on anatomical outlines – scan in completed diagram if possible)

Injury Severity: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Debilitating E. <input type="checkbox"/> Severe B. <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal F. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown C. <input type="checkbox"/> Minor G. <input type="checkbox"/> N/A D. <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	Physician:	Medical Facility:	Name of Coroner/ Medical Examiner: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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11. INCIDENT PROFILE			
Lighting: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown D. <input type="checkbox"/> Dawn B. <input type="checkbox"/> Dark E. <input type="checkbox"/> Overcast C. <input type="checkbox"/> Dusk F. <input type="checkbox"/> Sunny	Visibility: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent D. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown B. <input type="checkbox"/> Good C. <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Topography- Incident Location is: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Steep B. <input type="checkbox"/> Mountainous	
Incident occurred in: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded Area C. <input type="checkbox"/> Road Right-of-way E. <input type="checkbox"/> River, Stream, Lake, Marsh B. <input type="checkbox"/> Field/Cropland D. <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad Right-of-way F. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Most Important Contributing Factor(s) (List most important factor as "1" in space below next to letter, 2nd as "2", etc.)			
___ A. Victim out of sight of shooter ___ B. Victim covered by shooter swinging on game ___ C. Failure to identify target ___ D. Victim in line of fire ___ E. Ricochet ___ F. Defective firearm ammunition ___ G. Firearm fell, insecure rest ___ H. Shooter stumbled and fell ___ I. Trigger caught on object ___ J. Failure to check beyond target ___ K. Loading firearm ___ L. Unloading firearm	___ M. Discharge firearm in/on a vehicle ___ N. Improper crossing of obstacle ___ O. Clubbing game with firearm ___ P. Careless or reckless handling of firearm ___ Q. Place/remove firearm from vehicle ___ R. Drop firearm ___ S. Horse play while hunting ___ T. Shooting across roadway ___ U. Run with loaded firearm ___ V. Obstruction of barrel ___ W. Careless handling of archery equipment ___ X. Other:		

Based on the contributing factors listed above what could have been done differently to prevent this incident from occurring?

Witnesses other than Shooter and Victim		
Name	Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	Phone Number
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Shooter Violations		Victim Violations	
List of Violations	Enforcement Action Taken	List of Violations	Enforcement Action Taken
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	3.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	5.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Shooter Hunter Education Details	Victim Hunter Education Details
Classroom Course: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Classroom Course: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Hands on gun handling: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hands on gun handling: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Internet Only Course: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Internet Only Course: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Field day with live fire: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Field day with live fire: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Pass out test (no hands on training): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Pass out test (no hands on training): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Military Firearms Training: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Military Firearms Training: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

The following items are suggested to be included with this report to be considered complete:

1. Narrative (Be specific – describe how the incident happened and suspected cause).
2. Diagram of incident scene (Indicate North by arrow).
3. County map showing location of incident
4. List of photographs taken.
5. List of items seized and where located.
6. Statements from witnesses (if applicable).
7. Copies of citations (if applicable).

Report was completed by		
Investigating Officer:	I.D. #:	Date:
Assisted By:	I.D.#:	Date:
Other Agencies Assisting in Investigation:		
1.		
2.		
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Reviewed by:	Title:	
Date Reviewed:	Date entered into Clearinghouse:	

G.S. 113-270.1A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE REQUIRED

(a) Except as provided in subsections (a1) and (d) of this section, on or after July 1, 2013, a person, regardless of age, may not procure a hunting license in this State without producing a hunter education certificate of competency or one of the following issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission:

- (1) A North Carolina hunting heritage apprentice permit.
- (2) A hunting license issued prior to July 1, 2013.

(a1) A person who qualifies for a disabled license under G.S. 113-270.1C(b)(5) or (6), G.S. 113-270.1D(b)(7) or (8), or G.S. 113-351(c)(3)f. or g. need not comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section in order to receive that license, so long as the person does not make use of the license unless:

- (1) The disabled hunter is accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years of age who is licensed to hunt; and
- (2) The licensed adult maintains a proximity to the disabled hunter which enables the adult to monitor the activities of the disabled hunter by remaining within sight and hearing distance at all times without the use of electronic devices.

(b) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall institute and coordinate a statewide course of instruction in hunter ethics, wildlife laws and regulations, and competency and safety in the handling of firearms, and in so doing, may cooperate with any political subdivision, or with any reputable organization. The course of instruction shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall designate those persons or agencies authorized to give the course of instruction, and this designation shall be valid until revoked by the Commission. Those designated persons shall submit to the Wildlife Resources Commission validated listings naming all persons who have successfully completed the course of instruction.
- (2) The Wildlife Resources Commission may conduct the course in hunter education, using Commission personnel or Commission-approved persons.
- (3) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue a certificate of competency and safety to each person who successfully completes the course of instruction, and the certificate shall be valid until revoked by the Commission.
- (4) Any similar certificate issued outside the State by a governmental agency, shall be accepted as complying with the requirements of subsection (a) above, if the privileges are reciprocal for North Carolina residents.
- (5) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall adopt rules and regulations to provide for the course of instruction and the issuance of the certificates consistent with the purpose of this section.

(c) On or after July 1, 2013, any person who obtains a hunting license by presenting a fictitious certificate of competency or who attempts to obtain a certificate of competency or hunting license through fraud shall have his hunting privileges revoked by the Wildlife Resources Commission for a period not to exceed one year.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the lifetime licenses provided for in G.S. 113-270.1D(b)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5), and 113-270.2(c)(2), and 113-351(c)(3) may be purchased by or in the name of persons who have not obtained a hunter education certificate of competency, subject to the requirements of this subsection. Pending satisfactory completion of the hunter education course, persons who possess one of the lifetime licenses specified in this subsection may exercise the privileges of the lifetime license only when accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years of age who is licensed to hunt in this State. For the purpose of this section, "accompanied" means that the licensed adult maintains a proximity that enables the adult to monitor the activities of the hunter by remaining within sight and hearing distance at all times without use of electronic devices. (1989, c. 324, s. 1; 1991, c. 70, s. 1; 1997-365, s. 1; 1999-456, s. 27; 2005-438, s. 1; 2013-63, s. 1.)

G.S. 113-291.8 REQUIREMENT TO DISPLAY HUNTER ORANGE

- (a) Any person hunting game animals other than foxes, bobcats, raccoons and opossum, or hunting upland game birds other than wild turkeys, with firearms, must wear a cap or hat on his/her head made of hunter orange material or an outer garment of hunter orange visible from all sides. A Hunter orange material is a material that is a daylight fluorescent orange color.

This section does not apply to landholder, his spouse, or children who are hunting on land held by the landholder.

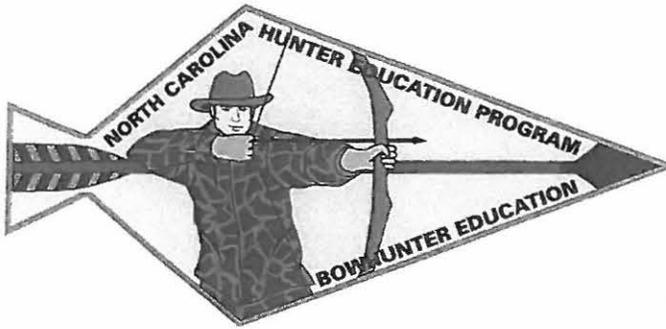
Conservation Pledge

*I give my
pledge as an American
to save and faithfully to defend
from waste the natural resources of
my country - its soil, air,
forests, waters,
and wildlife*

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NC Wildlife Resources Commission



Before Hunting You Must...

Produce a past hunting license or an affidavit stating you had one.

OR

Be a certified Hunter Education course graduate
G.S. 113-270.1A

For Information on Hunter Education Courses
Contact (919) 707-0031

OR

View Schedules and Register Online at
www.ncwildlife.org
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