

## 2016-17 FIREARM INCIDENTS

County	Date	Shooter Age	Victim Age	Animal Hunted	Distance	Device	Treestand	Self-Injury	Fatal / Non-Fatal
<b>Buckingham</b>	1/2/2017	12	34	Deer	142 Yards	Shotgun	N	N	N
<p>Deer hunters were lined up on a power line approximately 150 yards apart. The dogs ran a deer between the hunters and the shooter fired at the deer. Buckshot struck the victim's daughter in the stomach without penetrating her clothing while another pellet struck the victim in the right leg, penetrating a few inches below the knee.</p>									
<b>Carroll</b>	4/21/2017	53	22	Turkey	50 Yards	Rifle	N	N	N
<p>An unsupervised apprentice hunter shot what she believed was a turkey, but in reality it was another hunter's jake decoy. The rifle bullet struck a wire fence and broke apart. Victim was grazed in the hip by a bullet fragment.</p>									
<b>Charlotte</b>	12/2/2016	17	16	Deer	163 Yards	Rifle	N	N	F
<p>The shooter and victim were hunting for deer together. The victim informed the shooter that he was going to hunt from a separate location and would not exit his stand until it was dark. Shortly before dark, the shooter walked from his hunting location to the edge of the agricultural field. The shooter mistook the victim as a deer standing in the field and fired one shot fatally striking the victim in the lower torso. The distance from the shooter to the victim was 163.5 yards. The victim was wearing a tan-colored coat and his orange cap was faded and dirty. In addition, the shooter's variable scope was not at an ideal setting for the dim light conditions.</p>									
<b>Chesterfield</b>	12/31/2016	56	54	Deer	33 Yards	Shotgun	N	N	N
<p>Victim and shooter were driving deer, when a deer jumped between the two. The shooter shot at the deer, but struck both the deer and the victim.</p>									
<b>Craig</b>	3/13/2017	73		Crow	0-10 Yards	Rifle	N	Y	N
<p>Victim went through a gate and saw a crow in a tree. He removed his rifle from the cab of the truck and was going to take a rest on the post and the door. The victim did not remember anything after that until he regained consciousness. At that time, he found himself lying on the ground. The victim could not pick the gun up with his left hand. Victim was able to call family for transport to hospital. Significant injuries were sustained to left wrist and hand, requiring amputation. He also received injuries to his right hand and right eye. It appears that he dropped the gun and was trying to catch it when it hit the ground and discharged.</p>									

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<b>Culpeper</b>	1/7/2016	16		Deer	0-10 Yards	Shotgun	N	Y	N
Victim finished deer drive and did not engage the firearm's safety. As he stepped over downed tree the gun discharged. Buckshot injured his toe.									
<b>Cumberland</b>	12/28/2016	22		Deer	0-10 Yards	Shotgun	N	Y	N
The victim was standing in a field resting the muzzle of his shotgun on his right foot. The victim said that he was resting his arms on the butt of the shotgun when the gun discharged. The discharge resulted in buckshot injuries to the area between the big toe and second toe. The victim maintains the safety was on and the trigger wasn't pulled at the time of the incident.									
<b>Dinwiddie</b>	10/7/2016		57	Duck	0-10 Yards	Shotgun	N	N	N
Victim was duck hunting with a friend from a jon-boat with a floating blind. The subjects were finished hunting for the day and attempting to take down the blind. The victim engaged the safety on his firearm, placed it against the left rear gunwale of the vessel and proceeded to the front of the vessel to assist with the blind. The hunting dog stepped on the firearm, disengaging the safety and discharging the firearm, striking the victim in the left arm below the elbow.									
<b>Isle of Wight</b>	10/13/2016	18		Deer	0-10 Yards	Rifle	Y	Y	N
Victim was deer hunting during archery season in a treestand. The victim illegally brought a .22 rifle with him into the stand. While nocking the arrow the subject knocked the rifle off of the stand. The rifle fell approximately 16' and discharged. The victim was grazed in the left buttock.									
<b>King &amp; Queen</b>	12/30/2016	30		Deer	0-10 Yards	Shotgun	N	Y	N
Victim was standing on a knoll leaning against a pine tree when he slipped off. The firearm discharged when his foot hit the ground. He failed to maintain muzzle control, shooting himself in the right foot.									
<b>King &amp; Queen</b>	12/31/2016	42	57	Deer	50 Yards	Shotgun	N	N	N
Deer ran between shooter and the victim, who was obscured by brush. Shooter shot 2 times. The victim was struck with buckshot.									
<b>King William</b>	11/26/2016	59	39	Deer	71 Yards	Shotgun	N	N	N
Deer crossed the stand line between the shooter and victim. Shooter shot 5 times. The victim was 71 yards away across rolling hills and light cover. The shot entered his abdomen and right arm.									

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<b>Loudoun</b>	1/24/2017	57		Coyote	0-10 Yards	Handgun	N	Y	N
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Subject enter thicket at dark to retrieve fox. He was carrying a pistol in his right hand with the safety off. He became entangled in briars. As he attempted to pull is right arm from the vines, the pistol discharged. The bullet entered the interior of his left thigh at a downward angle stopping in his calf.

<b>Nottoway</b>	10/8/2016	58		Duck	20 Yards	Shotgun	N	Y	N
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The shooter/victim fired at ducks as they were flying into the wood line. Shot struck a tree limb, knocking it from the tree. Some of the shot ricocheted back and struck the victim in the hand. The shot entered his left hand at an angle between the thumb and forefinger which was the hand holding the shotgun, and lodged against the bone of his thumb.

<b>Page</b>	1/21/2017			Duck			N	N	N
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Hunter mistook decoys for actual geese. Shot struck the decoy-owning hunter (victim) in the leg.

<b>Patrick</b>	4/8/2017			Turkey		Shotgun	N	Y	N
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Shotgun discharged into victim's thigh when removed from the vehicle.

<b>Southampton</b>	11/25/2016	51	51	Deer	100 Yards	Shotgun	N	N	N
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The shooter and the victim were participating in a man drive for deer, when a deer came in between them. The shooter fired twice, in quick succession, at the deer. The victim was struck with buckshot in the abdomen.

<b>Surry</b>	11/19/2016	12	22	Deer	47 Yards	Shotgun	N	N	N
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Deer ran in between shooter and victim; shooter shot at deer, striking both the deer and victim.

<b>Washington</b>	10/3/2016		62	Deer	0-10 Yards	Crossbow	N	Y	N
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The hunter had returned to his vehicle where he was going to un-cock and disarm his crossbow. He did not realize that his safety was in the FIRE position and while holding the rail of the crossbow with his left hand, he accidentally hit the trigger causing the bow to dry fire. The string injured his fingers, requiring treatment at the hospital emergency room.

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