



Hunter Education Annual Report FY 14-15



The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (Federal Aid) requires us to complete this report in July/August of each year. FY 14-15 is the first time this report has found its way to you in the summer. Our numbers this year are very similar to those of last year. We taught almost 50 fewer classes and graduated about 3,000 less students. Our Hunting Incidents were down and we had no fatalities! The way I see it you've done a fine job and the Hunter Education Program thanks you!



Here are the numbers from the last fiscal year that I think you'll find interesting:

- Total Hunter Education Instructors (volunteer and staff) - 629
- Total Hunter Education classes taught - 770
- Total Hunter Education students - 19,791
- Percent of male and female students - 31.1% female, 68.9% male

The list of Hunting Incidents is enclosed. Use these incidents within your classes to help teach our future students.

Safe Hunting starts with Hunter Education!



Hunting Incidents Summary July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015



Below is a summary of the hunting incidents from the Fiscal Year 14-15. Note that we have changed the dates of the report to coincide with the Annual Report for the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Grant (Federal Aid). Overall, there were 6 incidents that were reported, none of which were fatal. As can be seen by looking at the incidents, it is true that a moment of carelessness can lead to a lifetime of consequences. Hopefully this will provide good training material for your hunter education classes.

Date	County	Fatal	Summary of Incident
9/12/2014	Huerfano	No	Archery hunter harvested an elk. While field dressing the animal, hunter severely cut himself below the knee and was taken by ambulance to hospital. Careless handling of hunting equipment.
10/18/2014	Grand	No	While in camp, shooter was target practicing. Shooter placed gun on chair with magazine removed. While attempting to unload the chamber, the pistol fired and struck the victim through both thighs. Careless handling of firearm.
10/21/2014	Eagle	No	Father and son were hunting elk. Son's shooting sticks fell and he handed the rifle to his father. Father did not have a good grip on the rifle and it slipped. His finger was inside the trigger guard and the rifle went off striking the father in the left leg below the knee. Careless handling of firearm.
11/22/2014	Pueblo	No	Family was waterfowl hunting on the river. Father was outside of blind, wife, daughter and son were in the blind. Shots were heard close by and in their direction. They all hit the ground and wife was struck in the head with a single pellet. Victim in line of fire, failure to identify target and beyond.
12/13/2014	Sedgwick	No	Victim was "pushing" a pheasant line of novice hunters across a Walk-In Access field. Shooter was blocking at the end of the field. Rooster flushed in-between the two lines and victim was struck in the cheek, arm and legs. One pellet embedded in his cheek. Swinging on game, knowing your target and beyond.
2/01/2015	Delta	No	Two boys went hunting without the permission of parents. While hunting small game, with firearms loaded in the chamber and safeties disengaged, walking through brush, the firearm discharged and struck the hunter in the calf. Trigger caught on object, careless handling of firearm.