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MINUTES OF THE House Sub-COMMITTEE ON Natural Resources

The meeting was called to order by Rep. Ron Fox, Vice-Chairman at  
Chairperson

3:30 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on February 2, 1984 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~:

Committee staff present:

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Ramon Powers, Legislative Research  
Pam Somerville, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Hanzlett, Kansas Fish and Game Commission  
Ted Cunningham, Kansas Outdoors Limited  
Kent Jackson, Kansas Fish and Game Commission  
Representative Mike Hayden, Speaker, Kansas House of Representatives  
Butch Harris, Shawnee County Hunter Safety  
Ray Frye, Shawnee County Hunter Safety  
Joyce Romero, Special Assistant, Kansas Department of Aging

Representative Fox opened the meeting to a continuation of hearings on HB 2622.

Joyce Romero, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging, appeared in opposition to HB 2622 stating it would create a hardship for senior citizens since their funding and incomes were limited.

Hearing closed on HB 2622.

HB 2624 was opened for hearings. The first conferee was Mr. Bill Hanzlett, Director, Kansas Fish and Game Commission. Mr. Hanzlett appeared in favor of the proposed legislation. He stated HB 2624 would generate additional revenues thus enabling the Commission to operate effectively in the future. The proposed increases would be resident hunting license not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$12.00; nonresident hunting license not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$55.00; resident fishing license not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$12.00; nonresident fishing license not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$35.00; and resident furharvester license not less than \$10.00 nore more than \$17.00.

Mr. Ted Cunningham, Kansas Outdoors Unlimited, **appeared** in support of the **proposed legislation**.

Hearings closed on HB 2624.

HB 2724:

Mr. Kent Jackson, Assistant Director, Kansas Fish and Game, appeared in support of the Hunter Safety Program. He stated it was a needed program and it did reduce the number of hunting accidents that occur each year. He asked for favorable passage of the bill.

Representative Mike Hayden, co-sponsor of HB 2724, appeared in strong support of the legislation. Speaker Hayden stressed the necessity of the program and added that there was no real inconvenience to carrying the required Hunter Safety Card on one's person. He urged the subcommittee to report it favorably.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Sub COMMITTEE ON Natural Resources

room 519-S, Statehouse, at 3:30 ~~xx~~ p.m. on February 2, 1984, 19   

Butch Harris, Shawnee County Hunter Safety Instructor addressed the committee in support of the legislation. Mr. Harris stated the program was staffed by all volunteers (approximately 3,000 statewide). He said the program was working effectively and asked the subcommittee to report it favorably.

Ray Frye, Shawnee County Hunter Safety Instructor, reiterated Mr. Harris' remarks, and distributed several years tabulations of safety records for the committees review. He urged the committee's support in favorable passage. (See Attachment 1).

Ted Cunningham, Kansas Outdoors Limited, appeared before the committee in support of the legislation. He did however, ask that proposed amendments be adopted (See Attachment 2). One area of concern was the age at which a person should stop carrying the certification of the Hunter Safety Program. Mr. Cunningham stated while the amendment stated age 26, he felt age 21 would be more appropriate. A brief question and answer period followed each presentation.

Committee discussion followed the hearings. It was the subcommittee's recommendation that HB 2068, HB 2139, HB 2170, and HB 2371 be recommended unfavorable for passage. The subcommittee also recommended that hearings be held on HB 2134.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

  
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Rep. David J. Heinemann, Chairman



KANSAS HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT  
1973

Injury Accidents ----- 27	Self-Inflicted Casualties -- 10
Fatal Accidents ----- 3	Casualty Involved Others --- 20

Age of shooters involved in accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
0	6	6	10	4	4	0

Game being hunted when accident occurred

Quail	Pheasant	Rabbit	Waterfowl	Dove
8	9	6	2	1
Coyote	Raccoon	Snake	Deer	
1	1	1	1	

Type of firearm being used when accident occurred

Shotgun	.22 Rifle	Handgun	Centerfire Rifle	Pellet Gun
22	4	2	1	1

Distance in yards

0-10	11-50	51-100	101 or more	Unknown
15	10	2	1	2

Time of accident

8-10 a.m.	10-12 a.m.	12-2 p.m.	2-4 p.m.	4-6 p.m.
3	3	7	5	12

Cause of accidents

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game -----	9
Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle -----	6
Victim out of sight of shooter -----	5
Defective firearm -----	3
Stumbled and fell -----	2
Trigger caught on brush or other object -----	1
Horseplay -----	1
Ricochet -----	1
Delay in firing of cartridge -----	1
Unknown -----	1

ATTACHMENT 1  
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Three hunter safety students involved

- October 21, 1973 ----- Loaded shotguns put in a boat. Guns fell over, fatally wounding a hunter.
- November 17, 1973 ---- Case of 54-year-old hunter getting out of zone of fire. Thirteen-year-old swung on game. Hunter got shot in left arm.
- November 21, 1973 ---- Thirteen-year-old got in car with loaded 410. Lost one big toe.

Summary of other accidents

- April 18, 1973 (before program in operation) ---- Fifteen-year-old shot into water in front of 11-year-old. Second shot ricocheted off water, killing the 11-year-old.
- August 5, 1973 ----- Hunter stalking snake with safety off and finger on trigger. Lost one toe.
- November 10, 1973 ----- Hunter knelt to tie shoelace. Other hunter walked behind terrace. Pheasant flushed. Hunter walked up on terrace as other hunter fired. Several shot in body.
- November 11, 1973 ---- Hunter wearing loaded pistol. Hunter fell and knocked hammer off. Shot in leg.
- November 13, 1973 ---- Hunters circled plum thicket. Bird flushed, and three other hunters fired. It is believed all three hunters hit same hunter as victim had shot in left side, back, rear, legs, checks, and lips.
- November 18, 1973 ---- Hunter climbing on brush pile. Fell and rifle discharged, costing him his life.

Note

- 6 out of 30 ---- Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle
- 9 out of 30 ---- Swinging on game
- 10 out of 30 ---- Self-inflicted
- 11 out of 30 ---- On first two opening days of season
- 12 out of 30 ---- Occurred between 4 and 6 p.m.

KANSAS HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT  
1974

Injury Accidents ----- 27  
 Fatal Accidents ----- 3  
 (all fatalities caused by  
 loaded firearms in vehicles)

Self-Inflicted Casualties -- 11  
 Casualties Involving Others - 19

Age of Shooters Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
1	7	9	6	3	0	4

Age of Kansas Hunter Safety Students Involved in Accidents

Age 9	Age 14	Age 15	Age 17
1	2	2	1

Game Being Hunted When Accident Occurred

Quail	Pheasant	Dove	Deer	Waterfowl	Non-Game Bird
4	6	3	1	1	1
Rabbit	Raccoon	Rodent	Coyote	Squirrel	Unknown
5	4	1	2	1	1

Type of Firearm Being Used When Accident Occurred

Shotgun	Rifle	Handgun
16	7	7

Distance in Yards

0-10	11-50	Unknown
20	9	1

Time of Accident

8-10	10-12	12-2	2-4	4-6	6-8	8-10	10-12	Unknown
1	4	2	5	8	5	2	1	2

Cause of Accidents

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game -----	7
Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle -----	7
Stumbled and fell -----	3
Victim out of sight of shooter -----	2
Resting muzzle on foot -----	2
Carrying firearm with safety off -----	2
Defective firearm -----	1
Horseplay -----	1
Pistol fell from holster -----	1
Mud in barrel -----	1
Unloading pistol -----	1
Unknown -----	2

## SUMMARY OF HUNTING ACCIDENTS IN 1974

Again one half of the accidents were caused by two things - loaded firearms in vehicles and victim covered by shooter swinging on game.

Of the 7 accidents where shooter was swinging on game, 6 of the victims did not display any bright colors of any kind. (This might tell us something.)

In 1973 no accidents occurred after sundown or after 6 pm; 1974--8 occurred after 6 pm: 5 handgun, 2 shotgun, 1 rifle. (Only coonhunters have any business hunting this time of day and only 2 out of the 8 were coonhunters.)

Eleven of the accidents were self-inflicted. (2 of these deserve the blue ribbon - hunters were resting the muzzle of the firearm on their boot.)

One fatality was caused by the subject pulling shotgun from pickup by the barrel.

### Accidents Involving Kansas Hunter Safety Students

- 9 year old -- Shotgun taken from vehicle and laid on table in yard - student picked up gun to take to the house - gun discharged hitting small boy. (fatality)
- 14 year old -- Putting loaded firearm in vehicle - rifle discharged. (another fatality)
- 14 year old -- Shooting sparrows in low hanging limbs - did not see brother on other side of tree. (non-fatal)
- 15 year old -- Self-inflicted. Loading rifle - discharged. (non-fatal)
- 15 year old -- Self-inflicted. Resting gun on boot. (Is now short some toes.)
- 17 year old -- Self-inflicted. Got out of vehicle with loaded pistol in holster - gun discharged hitting subject in leg. (non-fatal)

- NOTE -

- 7 out of 30 ----- Loaded firearms in vehicle (responsible for all 3 fatalities)
- 7 out of 30 ----- Swinging on game (zones of fire)
- 11 out of 30 ----- Self-inflicted
- 8 occurred between 4 and 6 pm and 8 occurred after 6 pm.
- 11 out of 30 occurred first two opening days of seasons in 1973.
- 4 out of 30 first two opening days of seasons in 1974.

# KANSAS HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT

1975

Injury Accidents ----- 39  
 Fatal Accidents ----- 3

Self-Inflicted Casualties ---- 13  
 Casualties Involving Others - 29

### Age of Shooters Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
1	10	8	5	4	9	5

### Age of Kansas Hunter Safety Students Involved in Accidents

Age 8	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17
1	1	2	3	1	2

<u>Game Being Hunted When Accident Occurred</u>					
Quail	Pheasant	Dove	Waterfowl	Pigeon	
7	17	1	2	1	
Raccoon	Rodent	Coyote	Unknown	Rabbit	
2	2	3	2	5	

### Type of Firearm Being Used When Accident Occurred

Shotgun	Rifle	Handgun
31	7	4

### Distance in Yards

0 - 10	11 - 50	51-100	Unknown
23	12	6	1

### Time of Accident

6-8	8-10	10-12	12-2	2-3	4-6	6-8	8-10	10-12	Unknc
1	3	9	6	8	8	1	2	2	2

### Cause of Accidents

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game	20
Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle	7
Stumbled and fell	2
Carrying firearm with safety off	1
Defective firearm	1
Horseplay	1
Obstruction in barrell	1
Loading firearm	2
Ricochet	2
Firearm fell from insecure rest	1
Subject had foot on animal - shot his foot	1
Unknown	3



## SUMMARY OF HUNTING ACCIDENTS IN 1975

Twelve accidents occurred on opening weekend - November 8 and 9, 1975.

9 accidents occurred in January, 2 in February, 2 in March, 1 each in July, Sept, and Oct., 20 in November, and 6 in December.

One half of the accidents were caused by another hunter being covered by the shooter, while he was swinging on game.

One fatality while swinging on game.

One fatality self-inflicted when taking loaded shotgun from vehicle.

One fatality self-inflicted with a hand gun - appears subject fell down.

### Accidents Involving Kansas Hunter Safety Students

- 8 year old -- Student shot at rabbit. Pellet ricocheted off the ground and hit father in right leg.
- 13 year old -- Barrel blew up in the chamber area - student lost left hand at the wrist.
- 14 year old --- Swinging on game. Subject either shot his friend in the leg or it is possible the shot could have ricocheted off the ground.
- 14 year old -- Student took an adults gun from the gun rack in a vehicle. Gun discharged causing loss of little finger to an innocent victim.
- 15 year old -- Hand gun - Subject putting loaded pistol in holster - considerable damage to right knee.
- 15 year old -- Swinging on bird going through hedge - hit pardner in both legs.
- 15 year old -- Swinging on bird - hit brother in right leg.
- 16 year old -- Swinging on bird - hit subject in right leg.
- 17 year old -- Subjects hunting after night. Victim leaned out the front window for a shot when his friend fired from the back seat. Both were hanging out the window.
- 17 year old -- Shooting into a coyote den - shot ricocheted off the ground and hit brother in the legs.

- NOTE -

It appears the increase in hunting accidents in November could be caused by the heavy concentration of hunters that were in the field. Two reasons for this were - hunting was good and the weather was ideal.

Check the accident report and you can readily see where we must stress the training.

## 1976 KANSAS HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT

Injury Accidents ----- 47	Self-Inflicted Casualties ----- 21
Fatal Accidents ----- 3	Casualties Involving Others ---- 29

### Age of Hunters Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
2	16	10	18	7	12	2

### Age of Kansas Hunter Safety Students Involved in Accidents

Age 13	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18
1	3	1	2	1

### Game Being Hunted When Accident Occurred

Quail	Pheasant	Dove	Waterfowl	Prairie Dog
14	14	1	1	2
Squirrel	Raccoon	Coyote	Rabbit	Non-Game Bird
3	5	4	5	1

### Type of Firearm Being Used When Accident Occurred

Shotgun	Rifle	Handgun
37	7	6

### Distance in Yards

0 - 10	11 - 50	51 - 100	300 & Over	Unknown
26	13	6	1	4

### Time of Accident

6-8	8-10	10-12	12-2	2-4	4-6	6-8	8-10	Unknown
2	4	6	6	17	10	2	1	2

### Cause of Accidents

Victim out of sight of shooter -----	8
Victim covered by shooter swinging on game -----	15
Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle -----	7
Stumbled and fell -----	1
Carrying firearm with safety off -----	2
Defective firearm -----	1
Horseplay -----	1
Loading Firearm -----	1
Unloading firearm -----	3
Ricochet -----	3
Firearm fell from insecure rest -----	2
Trigger Caught on Object -----	3
Finger slipped off the hammer -----	2
Dog jerked on rope causing hunter to swing on victim -----	1

## 1976 SUMMARY OF HUNTING ACCIDENTS

On opening weekend of bird season, November 13 - 14, 14 accidents occurred.

November was a bad month. Four accidents occurred in January, 1 in February, 1 in April, 1 in September, 4 in October, 26 in November, and 13 in December.

### -NOTICE-

21 accidents were self-inflicted.

3 items caused 30 of the 50 accidents.

### Accidents Involving Kansas Hunter Safety Students

- Age 13 -- Non fatal - Self-inflicted - Loaded gun in vehicle
- Age 15 -- Non fatal - Self-inflicted - Loaded gun in vehicle
- Age 15 -- Non fatal - Ricochet - Shot at object on the ice, slug returned and went through shooters leg.
- Age 15 -- Non fatal - Gun blew up.
- Age 16 -- Non fatal - Student got in the brush out of sight of shooter. Victim was not wearing a bright color.
- Age 17 -- Non fatal - Victim walked ahead of others and was out of sight of the shooter. Victim was not wearing a bright color.
- Age 17 -- Non fatal - Victim on one side of tree and a shooter on the other side with a squirrel in the middle.
- Age 18 -- Fatal - Victim standing by a subject operating a Model 97 Winchester. Shooter was fined in court for owning a hunting license without a Hunter Safety Certificate.

### NOTE

Notice the number of young hunters involved in hunting accidents who have not taken the Hunter Safety Course.

At the end of the fourth year, 83,076 students have been certified. In this same period, only 27 of the students have been involved in a hunting accident.

## 1977 KANSAS HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT

Injury Accidents -----	50	Self-Inflicted Casualties ----	16
Fatal Accidents -----	3	Casualties Involving Others --	37

### Age of Hunters Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
1	9	7	17	4	11	3

### Age of Kansas Hunter Safety Students Involved in Accidents

Age 11	Age 12	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 19
1	1	1	2	3	1

### Game Being Hunted When Accident Occurred

Quail	Pheasant	Dove	Waterfowl	Deer	Unknown
18	10	6	5	2	3
Squirrel	Raccoon	Coyote	Rabbit		
1	2	1	7		

### Type of Firearm Being Used When Accident Occurred

Shotgun	Rifle	Handgun
39	10	4

### Distance in Yards

0 - 10	11 - 50	51 - 100	101 & Over	Unknown
24	16	7	1	5

### Time of Accident

6-8	8-10	10-12	12-2	2-4	4-6	6-8	8-10	Unknown
1	7	10	6	9	12	4	1	3

### Cause of Accidents

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game -----	11
Victim out of sight of shooter -----	7
Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle -----	7
Trigger Caught on Object -----	6
Victim moved in line of fire -----	4
Stumbled and fell -----	3
Carrying firearm with safety off -----	3
Loading Firearm -----	2
Unloading firearm -----	1

## 1977 SUMMARY OF HUNTING ACCIDENTS

In opening weekend of bird season, November 5 and 6, 11 accidents occurred.

Months accidents occurred. Four accidents occurred in January, 1 in February, 7 in September, 3 in October, 23 in November, and 15 in December.

### -NOTICE-

17 accidents were self-inflicted.

11 accidents had nonresident hunters involved from Missouri, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

3 items caused 25 of the 53 accidents.

### ACCIDENTS OCCURED IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES

Butler	- 5	Neosho	- 1
Cloud	- 4	Linn	- 1
Dickinson	- 3	Greenwood	- 1
Decatur	- 3	Sedgwick	- 1
Coffey	- 3	Kingman	- 1
Washington	- 2	Geary	- 1
Nowell	- 2	Riley	- 1
Lyon	- 2	Marshall	- 1
Barton	- 2	Jackson	- 1
Pawnee	- 2	Jefferson	- 1
Stafford	- 2	Doniphan	- 1
Clay	- 2	Saline	- 1
Bourbon	- 1	Ellsworth	- 1
Cherokee	- 1	Lincoln	- 1
Gray	- 1	Mitchell	- 1
Ness	- 1	Pratt	- 1
		Kiowa	- 1

2 - fatalities were caused by carrying loaded firearm in vehicles. Both hunters lost their life by removing loaded firearms from vehicle.

1 fatality occurred while hunter changing gun carries. While changing position the gun discharged striking the victim in the back.

Youngest hunter involved in accident was age 11.  
Oldest hunter involved in accident was 74.

1978 KANSAS HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT

Injury Accidents ----- 61                      Self-Inflicted Casualties ---- 12  
 Fatal Accidents ----- 1                      Casualties Involving Others -- 50

Age of Shooters Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
3	15	7	12	8	5	12

Age of Victim Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
1	11	7	8	9	10	3

Age of Self-Inflicted Accidents

Age 12	14	15	16	18	19	27
1	1	3	1	1	1	1
	29		35	Unknown		
	1		1	1		

Game Being Hunted When Accident Occurred

Quail	Pheasant	Dove	Waterfowl	Deer	Squirrel	Crow
11	23	7	2	1	2	1
Raccoon	Coyote	Rabbit	Predators	Non-game Bird	Unknown	
3	1	6	2	1	3	

Type of Firearm Being Used When Accident Occurred

Shotgun	Rifle	Handgun	Bow & Arrow
48	7	5	1

Distance in Yards

0-10	11-50	51-100	Unknown
24	28	5	4

Time of Accident

6-8	8-10	10-12	12-2	2-4	4-6	6-8	8-10	Unknown
3	9	5	9	12	15	3	4	2

Cause of Accidents

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game -----	20
Victim out of sight of shooter -----	11
Ricochet -----	5
Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle -----	4
Victim moved in line of fire -----	4
Stumbled and fell -----	3
Loading firearm -----	3
Dropped firearm -----	2
No trigger guard on rifle -----	1
Resting muzzle on toe -----	1
Carrying sidearm with hammer back -----	1
Jumping ditch -----	1
Victim crawling with rifle (fatality) -----	1
"Horseplay" chasing brother -----	1
Trigger caught on object -----	1
Fell on broad head arrow -----	1

SUMMARY 1978 HUNTING ACCIDENTS

New record (bad) most accidents in one year.  
New record (good) lowest number of fatalities.

9 accidents occurred in January - the years only fatality, 1 in February, 1 in March, 5 in September, 5 in October, 29 in November and 12 in December.

16 non-residents involved in 11 accidents - 8 from Oklahoma, 1 from Texas, 1 from Michigan and 1 from West Virginia.

14 accidents (November 11 - 12) opening weekend of pheasant and quail season.

-NOTICE-

One half of the accidents caused by two things. Both involved in zone of fire. Swinging on game and getting out of sight of the shooter.

Ricochet gained in popularity with loaded firearms in vehicles now slowing down from past years.

## 1979 KANSAS HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT

Injury Accidents -----	33	Self-Inflicted Casualties ----	11
Fatal Accidents -----	1	Casualties Involving Others --	23

### Age of Shooters Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
0	5	2	5	1	1	10

### Age of Victim Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
0	3	2	3	8	7	0

### Age of Self-Inflicted Accidents

Age 15	16	25	27	31	34	35
1	2	1	1	1	1	1
	42		43		58	
	1		1		1	

### Game Being Hunted When Accident Occurred

Quail	Pheasant	Dove	Waterfowl	Raccoon	Coyote	Rabbit
3	11	2	2	2	1	5

### Type of Firearm Being Used When Accident Occurred

Shotgun	Rifle	Handgun
26	3	5

### Distance in Yards

0-10	11-50	51-100	Unknown
16	7	7	4

### Time of Accident

12-6	6-8	8-10	10-12	12-2	2-4	4-6	8-10	Unknown
1	2	6	7	2	4	7	1	4

Accidents which were minor but could have been disasters--victims were mostly out of sight of shooter or blocking.

5 pellets in face  
 2 pellets in eye  
 2 pellets in forehead  
 1 pellet in tongue

2 pellets in jaw  
 1 pellet thumb  
 2 pellets in leg



Cause of Accidents

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game -----	11
Victim out of sight of shooter -----	5
Firearm fell from insecure rest -----	3
Mistaken for game -----	2
Stumbled and fell -----	2
Carrying sidearm with hammer back -----	2
Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle -----	1
Loading firearm -----	1
Victim stood up in front of shooter in a duck blind -----	1
Jumping ditch -----	1
Trigger caught on object -----	1
Changing choke adjustment -----	1
Beating hood of car with firearm -----	1
Stuck finger in muzzle -----	1

Fatality

Unknown - lone hunter in a duck blind -----	1
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A GOOD YEAR!

NOTICE

Only two main causes of accidents.

We still need to push on all causes. Some very foolish accidents in 1979.

10 out of staters involved.

Texas	Oklahoma	Missouri	New Mexico	Louisiana
2	3	3	1	1

23 accidents in November.

15 on Saturday and Sunday in November.

9 on November 10, 11, 12 opening weekend of pheasant and quail season.

January	July	October	December
2	3	4	2

1980 KANSAS HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT

Injury Accidents ----- 39      Self-Inflicted Casualties ----- 12  
 Fatal Accidents ----- 1      Casualties Involving Others ----- 28

Age of Shooters Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
0	1	5	5	1	3	13

Age of Victim Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
0	5	1	11	3	6	2

Age of Self-Inflicted Accidents

Age 14	15	18	19	21	26	29	32	39	50	Unknown
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Game Being Hunted When Accident Occurred

Squirrel	Quail	Pheasant	Dove	Coyote	Rabbit	Unknown
3	2	24	3	3	2	3

Type of Firearm Being Used When Accident Occurred

Shotgun	Rifle	Handgun
32	5	3

Distance in Yards

0-10	11-50	51-100	Unknown
15	16	4	5

Time of Accident

12-6	6-8	8-10	10-12	12-2	2-4	4-6	7-10	10-12	Unknown
0	3	7	10	6	5	4	2	1	2

Cause of Accidents

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game -----	18
Victim out of sight of shooter -----	6
Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle -----	4
Unloading firearm -----	2
Wearing heavy gloves - cannot control handgun -----	1
Placing firearm in belt in the back -----	1
Using butt of gun for shovel -----	1
Dropped gun on railroad track and it discharged -----	1
Firearm fell from insecure rest -----	1
Defective firearm -----	1
Improper crossing of obstacles -----	1
Resting muzzle on toe -----	1
Unknown -----	2

NOTICE

Almost one-third self inflicted.

Almost one-half zone of fire.

(23) Over one-half on opening weekend of Pheasant and Quail Season.

Accidents Occurred:

3 in January  
3 in February  
1 in April  
4 in September  
26 in November  
3 in December

More hunters over 20 involved in all types of accidents.

1981 KANSAS HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT

Injury Accidents -----	55	Self-Inflicted Casualties -----	14
Fatal Accidents -----	3	Casualties Involving Others -----	44

Age of Shooters Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
0	5	7	8	6	6	12

Age of Victim Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40
1	3	6	15	9	10

Age of Self-Inflicted Accidents

Age 12	13	14	15	16	18	21	29	30	31	37	60
1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1

Game Being Hunted When Accident Occurred

Squirrel	Quail	Pheasant	Dove	Coyote	Rabbit	Waterfowl
1	10	38	1	2	4	2

Type of Firearm Being Used When Accident Occurred

Shotgun	Rifle	Handgun
52	4	2

Distance in Yards

0-10	11-50	51-100	Over 100	Unknown
20	28	6	2	2

Time of Accident

12-6	6-8	8-10	10-12	12-2	2-4	4-6	7-10	10-12
0	2	18	8	8	9	12	0	1

Cause of Accidents

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game -----	19
Victim out of sight of shooter -----	15
Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle -----	5
Victim moved into line of fire -----	4
Firearm fell from insecure rest -----	2
Stumbled and fell -----	2
Faulty firearm -----	2
Holding gun by muzzle -----	2
Mistaken for game -----	1
Carrying sidearm with hammer back -----	1
Loading firearm -----	1
Victim stood up in front of shooter -----	1
Trigger caught on object -----	1
Resting muzzle on foot -----	1
Riding on hood of vehicle with loaded firearm -----	1

FATALITIES

3 - All self-inflicted, ages 18-21 and 60

NOTICE

- 19 - Accidents opening weekend of bird season
- 37 - Accidents in November
- 5 - Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle (This is an increase - push on it again)
- 19 - Non-residents involved in accidents

About 75% of accidents - treated and released.

1982 KANSAS HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT

Injury Accidents . . . . .	35	Self-Inflicted Casualties . . . . .	10
Fatal Accidents. . . . .	1	Casualties Involving Others . . . . .	26

Age of Shooters Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	Over 40	Unknown
2	2	0	5	6	5	8

Age of Victim Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	Over 50
2	2	7	6	5	3	4

Age of Self-Inflicted Accidents

Age	14	16	17	18	23	25	29	33	41	65
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Game Being Hunted When Accident Occurred

Prairie Chicken	Squirrel	Quail	Pheasant	Dove	Rabbitt	Raccoon
1	1	9	17	4	3	1

Type of Firearm Being Used When Accident Occurred

Shotgun	Rifle	Handgun
31	3	2

Distance in Yards

0-10	11-50	51-100	Over 100	Unknown
16	16	1	2	1

Time of Accident

12-6	6-8	8-10	10-12	12-2	2-4	4-6
1	1	5	5	7	10	7

Cause of Accidents

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game. . . . .	11
Victim out of sight of shooter. . . . .	10
Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle. . . . .	3
Victim moved into line of fire. . . . .	3
Stumbled and fell . . . . .	1
Faulty firearm. . . . .	1
Carrying firearm with safety off. . . . .	1
Loading firearm . . . . .	1
Unloading firearm . . . . .	1
Resting muzzle on foot. . . . .	1
Crossing fence. . . . .	1
Ricochet from railroad track. . . . .	1
Clubbing Pheasant with butt of gun. . . . .	1

NOTICE

- 10 - Accident self-inflicted
- 15 - Accidents opening weekend of bird season
- 23 - Accidents in November
- 12 - Non-residents involved in accidents
- 5 - Non-residents were shooters
- 7 - Non-residents were victims

Fatality was self-inflicted.

75% of accidents treated and released.

1983 KANSAS HUNTER CASUALTY REPORT

Injury Accidents . . . . .	50	Self-Inflicted Casualties . . . . .	14
Fatal Accidents. . . . .	3	Casualties Involving Others . . . . .	39

Age of Shooters Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	Unknown
1	6	4	10	4	2	15

Age of Victim Involved in Accidents

Under 12	12-16	17-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	Over 70
1	5	7	9	13	3	4	1	1

Age of Self-Inflicted Accidents

Age	8	13	15	16	19	21	25	27	29	69
	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	1

Game Being Hunted When Accident Occurred

Prairie Dog	Squirrel	Quail	Pheasant	Dove	Rabbit	Deer	Predator	Duck
1	1	14	22	3	7	2	2	1

Type of Firearm Being Used When Accident Occurred

Shotgun	Rifle	Handgun
43	8	2

Distance in Yards

0-10	11-50	51-100
16	30	7

Time of Accident

6-8	8-10	10-12	12-2	2-4	4-6	6-8	8-12
2	8	15	8	11	6	2	1



Cause of Accidents

Victim covered by shooter swinging on game. . . . .	20
Victim out of sight of shooter. . . . .	12
Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle. . . . .	4
Victim moved into line of fire. . . . .	4
Stumbled and fell . . . . .	1
Faulty firearm. . . . .	1
Carrying firearm with safety off . . . . .	3
Loading firearm . . . . .	1
Crossing obstacle . . . . .	2
Ricochet. . . . .	2
Dropped firearm . . . . .	1
Leaning on the muzzle . . . . .	1
Dog stepped on firearm. . . . .	1

NOTICE

- 14 - Accident self-inflicted
- 22 - Accidents opening weekend of bird season
- 28 - Accidents in November
  - 4 - Accidents carrying loaded firearm in vehicle (2 were fatalities)
  - 1 - Fatality crossing obstacle
- 15 - Accidents involved party hunting and the shooter was unknown.  
Only the victim feels the pain and agony in these cases.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HB 2724

- LINE 0025 STRIKE THE WORDS, AND HAS IN POSSESSION WHILE HUNTING.
- LINE 0026 AFTER FIREARMS. NEW LANGUAGE--A PERSON MUST EXHIBIT SAID CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY TO THE LICENSE VENDOR UPON PURCHASE OF THE FIRST HUNTING LICENSE PROCURED IN KANSAS.
- LINE 0027 NEW LANGUAGE--PERSONS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO OBTAIN A HUNTING LICENSE SHALL BE IN POSSESSION OF SUCH CERTIFICATE WHILE HUNTING. PERSONS REQUIRED BY LAW TO OBTAIN A HUNTING LICENSE SHALL BE IN POSSESSION OF SUCH A CERTIFICATE WHILE HUNTING UNLESS SUCH PERSON HAS REACHED THE AGE OF 26 YEARS OR OLDER.
- LINE 0040 AFTER COMMISSION. NEW LANGUAGE--THE COMMISSION UPON REQUEST AND PAYMENT OF A FEE NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM CHARGED FOR ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE HUNTING LICENSE MAY ISSUE A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE.

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