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| A | Minor | Within The Same Party | Livingston | 4/2 | Sat | 12:54 PM | M | 35 | Yes | No | Shotgun | Pheasant | Victim was hunting with a controlled pheasant group when victim was hit in the face with shotgun pellets during the hunt. Victim was taken to the hospital with what was referred to as relatively minor/non-life threatening injuries to the facial area. |
| A | Major | Accidental Discharge | Lake | 10/22 | Sat | 6:58 AM | M | 38 | Yes | Yes | Shotgun | Geese | Hunter was hunting with a group inside ground blind, with shotgun leaning against a tree limb. Hunter was reaching over for face paint when the shotgun was seen beginning to fall over. Hunter reached over for it and that is when it discharged; causing injuries to himself only; in the back in the latissimus area. Hunter was treated and released at hospital. |
| A | None | Discharge from firing range | Adams | 10/17 | Mon | 6:30 PM | M | 56 | Yes | Unk | Shotgun | Range | Complainant was hunting when sounds of shotguns/rifles going on nearby at a shooting range could be heard making contact near them, ricocheting the trees. Conservation Police were called and the owner of the shooting range was spoken to, and given advice about raising the berm height and installing a baffle. |
| A | Major | Discharge of firearm too quickly | Coles | 12/11 | Sun | 11:30 AM | M | 14 | Yes | Yes | Rifle .22 | Squirrel | Hunter was hunting squirrel; hunter saw a squirrel and began to raise the rifle, but did not have safety on, and squeezed the trigger too quickly and shot the top of his left foot and exited through the bottom of the foot. Medical treatment was received. |

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| B | <u>Minor</u> | Fall | Clay | 10/1 | Sat | 9:00 AM | M | 71 | Yes | No | Crossbow | Deer | Hunter climbed onto his homemade deer stand, with no seating platform, which caused the hunter to have to stand while hunting. Hunter could not remember anything else from that mornings hunt. The fall caused him bruising to the nose and a broken right wrist. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Morgan | 10/4 | Tue | 6:45 PM | M | 43 | Yes | Yes | Bow | Deer | Hunter was starting to climb down from the tree stand when the hunter slipped and fell to the ground. The hunter had phone communications with family who got medical personnel enroute. Hunter suffered facial and skull fractures, a broken nose, a broken left arm and right leg bruising. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Randolph | 10/4 | Tue | 7:40 PM | M | 64 | Yes | Unk | Bow | Deer | Hunter was hunting on a Hunt Club and had completed a days hunt. A hunt club employee was at location when hunter lowered the bow and as employee was securing that into a truck; hunter fell from tree stand causing severe injury to his right foot and back. Hunter fell due to disconnecting his safety harness, then having the strap holding the climbing stick break, causing the stick to break, and then the hunter falling to the ground. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Lawrence | 10/12 | Wed | 5:45 PM | M | 51 | Yes | Yes | Bow | Deer | Hunter had got onto an elevated ladder tree stand for approximately 20 minutes before the tree stand collapsed, causing the hunter to fall approximately 20 feet to the ground. Hunter suffered a broken back, a partial tear to the Achilles tendon, a cut hand, and a bruised back and hip. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Pike | 10/15 | Sat | 9:41 AM | M | 47 | Yes | Unk | Bow | Deer | Victim was checking tree stands for a friend, but victim was checking stands belonging to a outfitter (unlicensed at time of incident). Victim was climbing stand when the straps broke causing victim to fall and suffer a broken leg, and pain in left shoulder and arm. Straps were found to be moldy and in poor maintenance, leading to accident. Outfitter was cited for outfitting w/o license. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Pike | 10/15 | Sat | 4:30 PM | M | 19 | Yes | Yes | Bow | Deer | Hunter was climbing a tree stand to begin the hunt and reached about 17 feet above the ground before the climbing ladder stick apparently broke. Hunter fell to the ground and suffered serious injuries to the thoracic and lumbar portions of the back. |
| B | FATAL | Fall | DeWitt | 10/23 | Sun | 7:00 AM | M | 72 | Yes | Unk | Bow | Deer | Victim was feeling ill prior to the hunt, but did make it to the tree stand. The other hunter with the victim was hunting in a different area. After the morning, the other hunter went to check on victim and found victim laying on the ground beneath the tree stand. Despite efforts by the hunter and medical personnel, the victim was then declared deceased. It was determined later the fall from the tree stand is what caused the death. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Franklin | 11/1 | Tue | 7:00 PM | M | 51 | Yes | Yes | Bow | Deer | Hunter was in "climber" tree stand when hunter decided to head down after afternoon hunt. Hunter fell after the climbing stand apparently broke around the bottom portion, or slipped from its original position. Its estimated hunter fell 13 feet to the ground. Hunter was wearing safety strap, but it had not been attached for the climb down. Hunter was able to call friends at camp. Hunter suffered six broken ribs, broken finger, punctured lung, damaged shoulder, and other internal injuries. |

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| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Richland | 11/2 | Wed | 9:25 AM | M | 41 | Yes | Yes | Bow | Deer | Hunter had been hunting in the morning, then around 9:25 am hunter stood up, unhooked the safety harness and was beginning to descend from the platform when it gave way. The cables of the stand/platform had broken, and hunter fell approximately 17 feet; passing out for approximately 45 minutes before hunter could get help. Hunter suffered spinal, nerve and joint injuries- was transported to hospital that day and was admitted. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Putnam | 11/5 | Sat | 1:00 PM | M | 50 | Yes | Unk | Bow | Deer | Hunter was climbing a tree using a climbing tree stand. After a bolt on the seat portion failed, hunter fell backwards but got legs entrapped in the base. Hunter hung upside down for supposedly 1 hour and 45 minutes. Hunter freed one leg but not the other. Neighbors heard screaming and assisted with an extension ladder. Injuries were to left leg, arms and hands. Hunter was wearing a safety harness but did not have it attached yet to the tree when accident occurred. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Greene | 11/5 | Sat | 5:00 PM | M | 30 | No | Unk | Bow | Deer | Investigation on-going, however hunter had fallen out of a tree stand. A Greene County Deputy, along with EMS, responded. Hunter complained of leg, head, shoulder and rib pain, and was bleeding out of the ears. Hunter was flown to hospital where results showed 9 broken ribs, broken collar bone and the hunters spleen removed. Hunter did not have a license, stamp or deer permit. |
| B | <u>Minor</u> | Fall | Greene | 11/6 | Sun | 5:25 PM | M | 31 | Yes | Unk | Bow | Deer | Hunter was exiting the tree stand after the end of an evening hunt. When hunter accessed his climbing sticks, the top strap broke causing the area between two ladder sticks to bend as a result of lost support. The hunter fell nearly 20 feet to the ground, however injuries did not appear to be serious, with supposedly just sore back and ankle, a few scratches. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Pike | 11/9 | Wed | 5:28 AM | M | 57 | Yes | Unk | Bow | Deer | Hunter, a client of an outfitter in Pike County, was climbing up to tree stand utilizing tree climbing stick to get to the stand. About half way up (approximately 10 feet) the hunters foot slipped off of a stepping post. Hunter fell to the ground but was able to text the guide about the fall. Hunter was transported to hospital and sustained cracked ribs and cracked both sides of the pelvis. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | McDonough | 11/11 | Fri | 2:00 PM | M | 36 | Yes | Unk | Bow | Deer | Hunter was climbing into a fixed, hang-on tree stand with the use of climbing sticks. Hunter made it to the tree stand platform, however once both feet were on the platform the strap had apparently broken causing the hunter to fall an unknown distance. Hunter made statements that the strap was looked at prior to the fall and looked to be okay; hunter also was wearing a safety harness but had not attached it yet to the tree. Hunter suffered compound fracture to left leg, below the knee. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Douglas | 11/14 | Mon | 12:10 PM | M | 32 | Yes | Yes | Bow | Deer | Hunter was climbing up stand with a climbing stand; and while still under investigation, either pin fell out or a cable broke (family has not been back to stand area yet). Hunter fell approximately 25 feet but was able to call wife who got help to his location. Transported to hospital where hunter was found to have fractured back in 4 places, 3 broken ribs and a punctured lung. |
| B | <u>Major</u> | Fall | Crawford | 11/18 | Fri | 12:30 PM | M | 54 | Yes | Yes | Firearm | Deer | Hunter was in elevated tree stand when after standing up; the platform gave way and the hunter fell approximately 24 feet to the ground. The ratchet strap holding the stand/platform had broken causing hunter to fall. When hunter hit the ground, the muzzleloader firearm went into the ground approximately 5 inches before breaking. Hunter was taken to hospital and suffered a broken collar bone, 2 broken ribs and a sprained ankle. Hunter was released a few days later. |

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| B | Minor | Fall | Randolph | 11/18 | Fri | Unk | M | 42 | Yes | Yes | Firearm | Deer | Hunter was beginning to climb onto tree stand when it "gave way" causing the hunter to fall back onto the ground. Hunter stated only suffered some sore ribs. |
| B | Major | Fall | Randolph | 11/19 | Sat | 6:45 AM | M | 33 | Yes | Yes | Firearm | Deer | Hunter had begun to climb tree stand when after getting close to the top, hunter realized no safety harness was being worn. Hunter reached behind his back, into a bag, and retrieved safety harness. While attempting to get harness attached to tree stand, the bottom portion of the tree stand gave way, causing hunter to fall to the ground. Hunter was air-lifted to hospital where it was discovered he suffered a left shoulder fracture and a lacerated spleen. |
| B | Major | Fall | Adams | 11/26 | Sat | 10:45 AM | M | 51 | Yes | Yes | Bow | Deer | Hunter was climbing up tree with a climber stand. The upper section/cable broke, causing hunters feet to become hung up in the platform straps. Hunter fell to the side of the platform which resulted in a broken right leg and ankle. Hunter was able to get freed from the straps, however when freed, the hunter fell to the ground resulting in a shattered left ankle. Hunter was taken to hospital. |
| B | Major | Fall | Carrroll | 12/1 | Thurs | 6:00 AM | M | 96 | Yes | No | Firearm | Deer | Hunter had climbed a ladder to a tree branch, where the tree branch was to be used as a transferring object to go from the ladder to the main platform to hunt. Hunter grabbed the tree branch, when it broke causing hunter to loose balance and fall approximately 4 feet down onto another branch. Hunter remained on this tree branch for approximately 24 hours before a medical alert button was activated in order to get medical help. Hunter only suffered minor bruising to right thigh, small cuts to left forearm and ear, along with misc. bruising around body. |
| B | Major | Fall | Monroe | 12/2 | Fri | 3:30 PM | M | 47 | Yes | Yes | Firearm | Deer | Hunter was in tree stand when straps broke holding the stand; hunter fell to the ground feet first; approximate 20 to 25 foot drop; Hunter suffered serious injuries including a fractured sternum and a fractured back (the L2, L4, and L5). |
| B | Major | Fall | McDonough | 12/2 | Fri | 5:00 PM | M | 55 | Yes | Yes | Firearm | Deer | Hunter was done with hunt for the day; lowered the shotgun down to the ground; put on backpack in preparation for descent down from stand. Hunter detached safety harness that was worn, but did not reattach it to the life line that was present at the time. Hunter stated the top rung of the ladder stand either broke or was missed while beginning the descent when the hunter fell to the ground, approximately 18 feet. Hunter suffered severe injuries, including a fractured left femur requiring surgical repair. |
| B | Major | Fall | Clark | 12/17 | Sat | 1:00 PM | M | 51 | Yes | Yes | Crossbow | Deer | Hunter was climbing into his ladder stand when the strap holding the stand broke. The hunter fell to the ground and fractured two vertebrae and a fractured left ankle. Hunter was transported to the hospital for recovery. |

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| C | Minor | Knife Use | Macoupin | 11/16 | Wed | 10:30 AM | M | 26 | No | Yes | Bow | Deer | After hunter successfully killed a deer while hunting, hunter was attempting to field dress the deer when the knife being used slipped from hunters grasp causing the knife to go up into the forearm. Hunter went to hospital and received 11 stitches. Hunter was also charged with numerous wildlife violations. |
| C | Major | Diabetic Reaction | Greene | 12/8 | Thurs | 8:45 AM | M | 52 | Yes | Unk | Firearm | Coyote | Hunter was in his truck, participating with another hunter nearby in coyote hunting. Hunter does not remember, but according to doctors and witnesses, he must have had a diabetic reaction that caused him to drive his truck into a farm field where he struck a ditch embankment. The accident caused the hunter injuries to include bruised ribs, a fractured cheekbone, a concussion, and lacerations to his face. He was in hospital for a total of 11 days. |